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The Weather
Today—Washington and vicinity, cloudy, moderate temperature, probably clearing in afternoon. Yesterday—High, 48; low, 28.

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Congressman Ervin Kills Himself by Gas

Truman Safe After Stormy Plane Trip To Missouri

D. C. Takeoff Delayed By Sleet and Rain; Party Motors to His Mother's Home

Bansas City, Dec. 25 (AP).—President Harry S. Truman landed at the municipal airport at 5:55 o'clock, Eastern standard time, today, completing a hazardous belated air trip from Washington ot keep intact his 27-year-old custom of spending Christmas Day at the family hearth.

The huge presidential plane, the Sacred Cow, touched the runway 5 hours and 49 minutes after it had made a takeoff in rain and sleet from Washington's National Airport.

Only one stop, at St. Louis, was made by the Chief Executive's big four-motored C-54, which flew through head winds and icy weather over much of the route from the Nation's Capital.

Cheered On Arrival

The smiling and determined President walked down the ramp of the plane to cheers of the waiting crowd. Under his arm was a gaily wrapped Christmas package and a bundle of official papers that indicated the Chief Executive's visit, expected to last until sometime Friday, would not all be a vacation.

Mrs. Truman, their daughter Margaret, and Mrs. Fred Wallace, Mrs. Truman's sister-in-law, were in a closed car waiting for the President, who had made the flight in the worst kind of weather to be with his family and Jackson county friends on Christmas Day.

After waving to the crowd and calling greetings to several friends, the Chief Executive entered his car and started for the Independence home.

Flight "Very Rough"

The sun peeked out from under the overcast just before "the Cow," came over the field. Despite the clearing weather here, members of the presidential party said the flight had been very rough, particularly in the latter stages.

The St. Louis stop was made to permit Reconversion Director John W. Snyder, Mrs. Snyder, their daughter Drusi, and Mrs. Lewis Truman to leave the plane for Christmas visits there.

The President went to the door of the "sacred cow," flashed his famous smile for photographers, and hurried back to his seat.

Snyder said the trip was a very pleasant one from Washington despite bad weather and heavy overcast that kept the huge plane in the "soup" all the way.

He said the entire party was in a holiday spirit and that no serious discussions were held en route.

The President plans to return Friday, Snyder said, and will stop in St. Louis for the Snyder family.

Take-Off Delayed

In rain and sleet that grounded commercial traffic all day long, the President took off from Washington National Airport at 12:06 p. m., EST, about 3½ hours behind schedule.

At 2:16 p. m., the big C-54 was over Cincinnati, and its pilot, Lieut. Col. Henry T. Myers, reported that it was encountering some rime ice and headwinds stronger than had been expected.

Myers informed Army Air Forces at Washington that the plane, which had not been able to reach the top of the overcast, was then cruising at 10,000 feet.

Officers on duty at the airport at Washington said they had seldom seen worse flying weather as the

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American Shelling Of China Village Caused No Damage

Tientsin, Dec. 25 (U.P.).—American shelling of a village near Anshan on December 4 after two marines were shot resulted in no damage, a formal court inquiry into the case revealed today.

Maj. Gen. Keller E. Rockey, Marine commander, said one marine was killed and another seriously wounded while hunting near the village.

The local Marine commanding officer ordered the village mayor to produce the murderers or evacuate the village before it was shelled in retaliation. The mayor failed to produce the men and the villagers evacuated.

A Marine cannon began firing in the direction of the village. The first shell fell outside the village and the sights were never changed. Rockey said the action appeared to be intended only to frighten the villagers into producing the slayer and was never intended to harm the village.

But Santa Made It

D. C. Hugs Christmas Fireside As Storm Fouls All Travel

The bleakest Christmas weather in years made yesterday an old-fashioned Christmas—everyone stayed at home.

Throughout the day and night an almost continual drizzle of mixed sleet and rain turned the city's streets into icy runways and paralyzed at one time or another every form of transportation—even walking.

However, the weatherman promised an end to the storm by this afternoon when the temperature will rise and the rain stop. Lowest temperature recorded here yesterday was 28 degrees at 4:50 a. m. The mercury reached its highest at 4:20 p. m. when it registered 43 degrees.

Early in the morning ice filled car tracks slowed down Capital Transit streetcars until those running to outlying districts as Benning in the Northeast and Friendship Heights, Northwest, were 45 minutes behind schedule.

The A. B. and W. Transit Company, which operates buses to Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax, stopped all traffic from 10 a. m. until noon, when buses bogged down in flooded areas on Memorial Highway near the National Airport.

Officials of the company said that some buses were also stopped by floods that backed up along N. Washington blvd. at the southern end of Highway Bridge.

Capital Transit buses were faced with the same conditions. In Chevy Chase, bus service was discontinued from 9:30 until after 11 a. m. The same was true on those lines running to Hyattsville.

But as the rain turned sheets of ice into seas of slush, traffic picked up. Regular schedules were resumed in the afternoon.

The few taxicabs that ventured out in the early morning took a few trial skids and retired until the afternoon, when service improved a little. However, Diamond Cab Co. and Yellow Cab Co. reported that demands for rented cabs were lighter than at any time in the last five years.

At Union Station, the pre-holiday rush was replaced by a scene of desertion. B. R. Tolson, manager

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Peace on Earth

Food and Fuel Shortages Dim Christmas Joy in Many Lands

150,000 U. S. Troops Back From Wars Are Stranded on Coast

San Francisco, Dec. 25 (AP).—Many thousand Americans who fought in foreign and strange lands and won, spent Christmas Day on their native soil today thankfully and joyously although still far from their homes and families.

In all the great ports of the Pacific seaboard soldiers and sailors and marines just home from war, became special guests in private homes, in clubs and lodges.

There were between 150,000 and 170,000 stranded veterans on the Coast for at least part of Christmas Day.

Resigned to Fate

They longed to be home with their own families but bore cheerfully the fact that servicemen were returning in such tremendous numbers railroads could not handle them.

Trains were moving men eastward to their homes at a better rate than heretofore. The Southern Pacific checked on its transcontinental rail lines and found that about 94 per cent of passengers were servicemen.

There were thousands of parties for the veterans from Seattle to San Diego. Each "hotel ship" in the major ports was visited by Santa Claus; presents were distributed; extra portions of turkey served with sumptuous dinners.

Move 5000 Daily

In San Francisco, 42,000 were stalled Christmas guests, but railroads were moving out about 5000 a day.

Los Angeles played host to about 75,000 veterans.

In military hospitals, Army and Navy patients received special attention in keeping with the season.

Los Angeles was the only West Coast port able to clear all veterans from ships at anchor or docked. San Francisco had four "hotel ships," with another, the SS Lubbock, coming in today. Similar conditions prevailed in the Seattle area. There simply wasn't room

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Season Holds More Threat Than Promise To Starving Nations

By the Associated Press

A world at peace for the first Yuletide in six years celebrated Christmas with the holiday spirit dimmed in many lands by privation and suffering.

In the town of Bethlehem, the birth of Christ was reenacted at midnight Christmas Eve in the Church of the Nativity by high church dignitaries before an overflow of pilgrims from all over the world.

British military authorities in Palestine made special efforts to enable as many service personnel as possible to take part in the pilgrimage.

To many lands, short on food and fuel, the season held more threat than promise.

10,000 Parcels for Poland

Shattered Berlin managed to collect more than $300,000 for gifts and food, and some restaurant owners offered free meals to children.

The starving people of cold, war-damaged Poland received 10,000 gifts parcels from UNRRA.

Italians, desperately low on fuel, gave thanks for unseasonably warm weather.

In Britain, civilians still on wartime rations shared the best of their depleted larders with hundreds of American soldiers awaiting transportation home.

In Russia, although Christmas is not an official holiday, there was a festive atmosphere in Moscow and many other of the larger cities.

From Denmark, where there is less evidence of privation, the children sent playthings of their own to the children of Britain. Even German prisoners of war in Leicester, England, volunteered to work with penknives and scrap wood in their spare time to make toys for children of the countryside.

American servicemen, wherever the season found them, did their best to brighten the Yuletide celebration. In Peiping, 40 Chinese youngsters from an orphanage crowded around a big Christmas tree while marines and soldiers handed them gifts. In Singapore, recently released internee children were given a holiday feast by GI's.

The same story came from all parts of the world where American servicemen are still billeted: From India, China, the south Pacific, the Philippines, Bulgaria, Romania, Austria, Iceland.

Unusual Commendation

Mighty U. S. Army Finds Time For Concern Over Boy and Dog

Minneapolis, Dec. 25 (AP).—The mighty U. S. Army that hurled death and destruction on the Axis had time for concern over the grief of a boy for his dog—and that is why an 8-year-old Minneapolis lad has one of the most unusual commendations stemming from World War II.

Three years ago Laddie, the shepherd dog of Ronnie Haskvitz, died, and to spare Ronnie's feelings his parents told him Laddie had been enlisted in the K-9. He was headed overseas, they explained. They thought Ronnie wuold forget in time.

Then a short time ago Ronnie saw some K-9 dogs being mustered out of service and he waited for Laddie, who he told his mother, "will soon be coming home."

Weeks passed and the impatient Ronnie wrote a letter to the War Department. His parents kindly headed it off. More weeks and another letter, but this time Ronnie mailed it himself and the burden of it was: Where is my dog?

In a few days an apologetic officer called from nearby Fort Snelling. K-9 records had no such dog listed. Mrs. Haskvitz explained. The officer had no comment.

Today Ronnie was proudly displaying a communication from headquarters at Fort Snelling.

"We received your letter," it said, "and after checking all the files here at this headquarters we regret to inform you that your dog died while in the service of his country. We know you will feel bad about it, but you should be glad he died while doing something for the war. We extend to you our heartfelt sympathy."

16 Dead in Hospital Yule Tree Fire

Defective Wiring Sets Decorations Ablaze; 27 Injured

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 25 (AP).—Sixteen persons are dead following a Christmas Eve fire at the Niles Street Hospital which also sent 27 others, including 10 firemen, to other hospitals, some of them in critical condition.

State Police Commissioner Edward J. Hickey, heading an official investigation in his role as State fire marshal, said the blaze resulted from a short circuit that ignited cotton decorations on a Christmas tree in the hospital's first-floor office.

As one of the first acts, Commissioner Hickey joined Dr. Stanley H. Osborn, State health commissioner, in issuing instructions to all State police to advise supervisors of all convalescent homes in Connecticut to take extra precautions against Christmas tree fire hazards.

The supervisors were asked to remove at once from the vicinity of trees all cotton or other inflammable material and to make certain that fire extinguishers were quickly available and in working order.

Hickey said the dead included 14 aged and chronically ill patients and two night attendants. Seventeen other patients, he said, were taken from the blazing three-story structure, which was a converted brick duplex dwelling.

Dr. Walter Weissenborn, medical examiner, said that 2 of the 17 rescued patients were in grave condition.

He said his inquiry disclosed that a woman attendant had attempted to extinguish the blazing Christmas tree with a small fire extinguisher, and that the flames, leaping out of control, prevented her from reaching a telephone from which to summon fire apparatus.

The blaze spread quickly, he he said, when a front door was opened, presumably to guide first-floor patients to the street Some patients were more than 90 years of age, police said. Of the dead, they added, 13 were women.

Rescued From Hartford Fire

Associated Press WIREPHOTO

CHRISTMAS EVE DISASTER—An aged inmate of the Niles Street Hospital, Hartford, Conn., is carried to safety during the fire there which killed 16 persons

Two U. S. Soldiers Murdered by Two Men Near Berlin

Berlin, Dec. 25 (U.P.).—Two American soldiers of the 78th Division were shot and killed by a pair of unidentified uniformed assassins near Tempelhof Airdrome Sunday night, it was disclosed today.

The first victim, accompanied by a girl, had left a cafe at 11:30 p. m. As he arrived under a street lamp nearby, he was approached by two men who asked him in broken English, whether he was an American.

Authorities said that when the American answered one of the men shot him through the head with a pistol.

Twenty steps beyond, the men accosted the second soldier and murdered him.

Names of the victims were not announced.

American and Soviet patrols surrounded and searched the area without results.

Byrnes Called Highly Pleased By Big 3 Talks

More Is Accomplished Than Secretary Hoped, Informants Report

Moscow, Dec. 25 (AP).—Secretary of State James F. Byrnes is highly pleased with accomplishments of the Moscow Foreign Ministers' Conference, including concrete agreements on several controversial issues, authoritative quarters said today. Far more has been gained than was even contemplated when Byrnes left Washington, according to these informants.

The three principals met at the Speridonifka Palace for another session late today.

A highlight of the conference, which at all times has been conducted in an atmosphere of extreme cordiality, was the announcement on Christmas Eve that Byrnes, British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and Soviet Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov had arrived at a compromise accord on the procedure for drafting the European peace settlement.

Stalin Gives Party

It was Secretary Byrnes' suggestion to announce to the world the news of the agreement on Christmas Eve. Molotov and Bevin were said to have been delighted with the idea.

The first communique on the result of the conference then was issued just before the Foreign Ministers attended a formal Christmas Eve party at the Kremlin, at which

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Short Better; May Tell Story Of Jap Attack

By International News Service

Improvement in the condition of Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short aroused hopes yesterday that the Army commander in Hawaii on December 7, 1941, may be able to testify before the Pearl Harbor Investigating Committee shortly after its holiday recess.

Short is a patient at Walter Reed Hospital. He is suffering from a bronchial illness which caused doubt Monday that he could take the stand for some time.

However, the hospital reported yesterday that the General spent a restful night and that he had only one degree of fever. A hospital spokesman said:

"We hope that General Short will be able to go home within a week."

Short tentatively is scheduled to follow Admiral Harold R. Stark, 1941 Chief of Naval Operations, to the stand.

His testimony was to coincide with that of Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, the Hawaiian naval commander when the Japanese smashed the battleship strength of the Pacific fleet with their surprise air attack of more than four years ago.

As a prelude to the climactic Short-Kimmel testimony, Stark will be the first post-recess witness of the committee when it swings back into action, December 31.

The committee meanwhile continued its search for a new counsel and legal staff to succeed William D. Mitchell and his aides, who resigned.

The joint congressional group ha dthe reassurance of Mitchell, Gerhard Gesell, his chief assistant and their staff that they would staay on for the questioning of Stark.

They will then step down, and the new attorney, whoever he turns out to be, will take over the examining of Short and Kimmel.

France Cuts Franc in Half To Spur Trade

Cabinet Sets Value At 119.10 to Dollar; Experts at Odds

By Louis P. Nevin

Paris, Dec. 25 (AP).—The French government announced tonight that it had cut the value of the franc by more than half, setting it at 119.10669 to the dollar, and 480 to the pound sterling.

Devaluation of the franc, which since the liberation, has been pegged at 50 to the dollar and 200 to the pound, will take effect tomorrow with publication of the decree in the official government journal.

Members of the Constituent Assembly forecast last week the franc would be reduced in value as a step toward full-scale resumption of international trade.

The decision to cut it was taken at a four-hour cabinet session Sunday.

It was known that the government wanted to stabilize its money before ratification of the Bretton Woods monetary agreement.

French financial experts said the 2-cent valuation of the franc was artificial and prevented the French from "selling anything in the United States or in England."

They were divided as to how devaluation might affect the French domestic economy. Some held that it would increase inflation; others maintained it would so stimulate production of goods that living costs would fall.

By the Associated Press

Secretary of the Treasury Vinson said last night that "a change in the franc rate was an essential step in the French program of economic reconstruction."

In a letter to Rene Pleven, French finance minister, Vinson added that "it has been generally recognized that the foreign exchange value of the franc was out of line."

Expressing appreciation for keep-

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Pulitzer Prize Winner

Block, Editorial Cartoonist, To Join Post Staff January 2

Herbert L. Block, formerly an editorial cartoonist for the NEA Service, Cleveland, and the Chicago Daily News, will join the editorial staff of The Washington Post on January 2, 1946, Eugene Meyer, editor and publisher of The Post, announced yesterday. Block has recently been released from the Army after serving more than two and one-half years.

Block is regarded as one of the outstanding editorial cartoonists in America. His work won him a Pulitzer Prize in 1942 and in 1940 he received a National Headliners Club award.

He is a native of Chicago, where he attended the public schools and studied at the Art Institution of Chicago. He later attended Lake Forest (Ill.) College for two years, leaving that school in 1929 to do an editorial page cartoon for the Chicago Daily News. He remained with the Daily News for four years, leaving there in 1933 to join the NEA Service at Cleveland, where he remained until his induction in the Army in 1943.

After basic training in the Army at Camp Robinson, Ark., he was assigned to AAF Tactical Center in Florida, where he did cartoons and feature editing on the camp paper and also worked in the Public Relations office. He later was transferred to the New York branch, Information and Education Division, Army Service Forces.

He will draw a daily cartoon for The Washington Post.

HERBERT L. BLOCK

And Get Nowhere

4000 Yanks in Manila Protest Sudden Ship Cancellation

Manila, Dec. 25 (AP).—Four thousand demonstrating United States soldiers marched on the Twenty-first Replacement Depot Headquarters today in protest against cancellation of a scheduled transport sailing for home.

The soldiers carried banners proclaiming, "We want ships."

They were met by Col. J. C. Campbell, depot commander. He ordered them to return to their barracks. After listening to a brief talk by the colonel, the men milled around for about 10 minutes, then filtered back to their quarters. A spokesman for the men said another mass meeting protest would be held Wednesday.

Cancellation of assignment of the transport Admiral Sims precipitated the demonstration. Colonel Campbell explained the transport was withdrawn in connection with consolidation of the Twenty-first and Twenty-ninth Replacement Depots. The Daily Pacifican, Army newspaper, quoted Campbell as saying:

"You men forget you're not working for General Motors. You're still in the Army."

Army sources said troopships capable of carrying 251,000 men had been assigned to the western Pacific for January, although only 70,000 will be eligible to return home.

Prime Minister Chifley Visits New Guinea

Sydney, Dec. 25 (AP).—Prime Minister J. B. Chifley made a surprise visit by plane to Australian troops in New Guinea today and had Christmas dinner seated between two privates.

N. C. Member Leaves Note Warning Of Danger

Paper Tells Danger, Asks Aged Mother Be Told He 'Died Of Heart Trouble'

Representative Joseph Wilson Ervin, 44, North Carolina Democrat, was found dead of asphyxiation in his gas-filled kitchen at 1:15 p. m. yesterday.

Coroner A. Magruder MacDonald issued a certificate of suicide and said death occurred some time during the night of Christmas Eve.

The freshman Congressman from Charlotte, N. C., was slumped over in an armchair with a pistol and razor blade in his hand when first discovered by a close friend at his residence, 3416 Garrison st. nw.

Three gas jets and the gas oven were found turned on when the body was discovered by Theron L. Caudle, Assistant Attorney General, and his son, Theron, jr., 17, according to police.

Ervin Note Found

The two were calling on Ervin to pick him up for Christmas dinner at their home, and found a note on the Congressman's front door step addressed to the elder Caudle. The note warned them that the house would be filled with gas.

Caudle, who is also chief of the Justice Department's Criminal Investigation Bureau, said that he and his son found the kitchen doorway stuffed with blankets, the window shades down, and the radio playing "soft music."

"The Congressman was slumped in a chair with a pistol and a razor blade in his right hand," Caudle told a Post reporter. "His feet were on the other chair, on which an unfinished cigaret was resting. In the sink were several glasses and a partially-empty bottle of whisky."

Two other notes were found on the dining room table. One was addressed to his wife, Susan, who is visiting in Morganton for the Christmas holiday; the other to his brother, Samuel, former Superior Court judge at Morganton.

Contents Not Disclosed

Contents of the two notes were not disclosed by police. The note found on the doorstep, addressed to Caudle, besides warning the Assistant Attorney General of the danger within the house, also requested that Ervin's aged mother be told that he had died of a heart attack.

The note to Caudle also asked him to make the funeral arrangements, not get an expensive casket, and to see that the death got as little publicity as possible. Erwin wrote he was sorry he had to take the action and apologized for the difficult task he was giving Caudle.

Representative Ervin, according to Assistant Attorney General Caudle, had just been released from Walter Reed Hospital. Ervin had fallen outside his home several days ago, reinjuring a leg which had undergone five operations for osteomyelitis, a bone disease. The fall had kept him from accompanying his wife to North Carolina.

Seemed Cheerful

"I spent 30 minutes with the Congressman Christmas Eve," Caudle said. "He complained of his injury and mentioned recent heart trouble, but in spite of his ailments he was cheerful."

Caudle had originally planned to call for Ervin yesterday morning, and at about 10:30 tried to reach the Congressman on the telephone without success. He and his son did not get to the Ervin residence until about 1 p. m.

Throngs Spend Holiday On Florida Beaches

Miami Beach, Fla., Dec. 25 (AP).—June-in-December weather drew thousands of persons to the beaches on this Christmas Day as a hot sun nudged the mercury into the middle 70s.

Near-record crowds for the season—chiefly refugees from the shivery North—thronged the ocean front and paraded in shirt sleeves along the palm-fringed streets.

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China's Unity Talks Begin in January

Communists Submit Unconditional Truce Proposal Tomorrow

Chunking, Dec. 25 (AP).—Strife-torn China hoped this Christmas Day for a New Year's truce between Central Government and Communist forces as a prelude to unity talks slated for January.

A Communist spokesman said the Communists would submit in writing tomorrow their verbal proposal of December 19 for an unconditional truce freezing troops of both sides in present positions.

Although a flat halt in fighting was not regardede here as so simple as might appear on the surface, the Communist proposal was considered important because it represented a withdrawal from the earlier demand that government troops return to points they occupied when Japan surrendered.

Meet Next Month

Should a truce be declared it would facilitate greatly work of the political consultative council, the all party and nonpartisan body now expected to meet next month.

The truce proposal is to be delivered at a schedule formal meeting of leaders of the Communist and Central Government delegations to the council meeting, the Communist spokesman said.

Tomorrow's meeting will be the first formal session of the two groups since mid-November. The China Times said it learned the Sonsultative Council would not meet before January 10.

Government press dispatches reported 50,000 Communists attacking Kaoyu on the Grand Canal, 60 miles north of Nanking, with other Communist forces striking at Shaopo, south of Kaoyu, and at Taihsien to the southeast. The reported move was described as a forerunner to an attempt to cut the Yangtze River between Nanking and Shanghai.

Marshall Attends Party

Another government dispatch said troops of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek repulsed Communists in "severe fighting' 'in western Shansi Province December 22-23. Communist efforts to take two towns were reported defeated.

Gen. George Marshall, President Truman's envoy to China, tonight attended a Christmas dinner party given by Walter Robertson, United States Charge d'Affaires. He ate luncheon with Chiang and Mme. Chiang, in his first meeting with them since his arrival here Saturday.

American quarters in Chungking expressed surprise at what they termed some misconception over the status of Marshall, saying he had been referred to frequently as Patrick J. Hurley's successor as Ambassador. These quarters said Marshall was the presidential envoy to China, with rank of ambassador. Since Hurley's resignation, they said, the ambassador's post has been vacant, with Robertson filling the spot as charge d'affaires.

Christmas

Japs, GIs Jitterbug To U.S. Swing

Tokyo, Dec. 25 (U.P.).—Japanese jitterbugs had the "dancingest Christmas in Japanese history" today with the help fo American GIs.

Rhythm found an outlet for the first time in years because dancing was banned throughout the war and the frequent B-29 raids discouraged the most ardent jitterbugs.

"American style" dancing, inspired by the GI influence and the Japanese inherent love of dancing, was featured at many parties. King of swing in Tokyo is Suin Matsumoto, who dishes out jive at the "Florida" ballroom. Matsumoto's band was the best in Japan when war broke out.

Another favorite is sash "Caledonia" Moriyama, trumpeter and vocalist.

American bands were popular with the Japanese before the war and jitterbugs now seize every opportunity to sneak in and listen whenever GI orchestras are playing. The dance fans swing their partners to new American tunes broadcast over the armed forces radio system.

Ballroom dancing was forbidden in October, 1940, when all dance halls were closed. The jitterbugs went underground and danced behind locked doors and curtained windows to the strains of muffled phonographs. Even these die-hards, however, had to stop when the Superfortresses began a regular bombing schedule.

The jitterbugs had to be content this year with dancing on Tatami (Japanese floor mats) but they're looking forward to the time when they can swing out again on a real floor.

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of the Washington Terminal Co., said that "it was one of the slowest days in years." There were plenty of vacant seats in railroad cars that were jammed to capacity during the outbound rush.

However, station officials said that traffic began to pick up shortly before 9 a. m., and that they expected the heaviest wave of returnees to arrive around midnight and early this morning.

While President Truman's C-54, the Sacred Cow, managed to take off from the National Airport at 12:06 p. m. for Missouri, travel on the airlines was discontinued at 8:45 a. m. because of poor visibility.

Flights in all directions from the city were canceled "through midnight," and airline officials were not sure when service could be resumed.

Metropolitan police reported that automobile traffic was the lightest in years. They said that the few motorists who ventured out were apparently driving with greatest care.

The only accident reported during the day occurred early in the morning when a Capital Transit bus skidded on the icy pavement and knocked over a patrol system call box at 12th and Monroe sts. ne. No one was injured, police said.

The rain and sleep thinned the attendance at Christmas services in the city's churches. While midnight masses and services Christmas Eve brought out capacity crowds, the churches reported only scattered early morning attendances.

The storm that kept Washingtonians by their firesides hit principally the eastern and north central parts of the country, with nearby Virginia being the hardest hit with a variety of snow, sleet and rain.

Sailor Dies in Crash

Joseph L. Shanahan, jr., 27-year-old Baltimore sailor, was killed and three companions were seriously injured when his auto failed to make a turn on Crain hgwy. in Upper Marlboro just before midnight Monday.

Prince Georges County Police Corpl. Richard Earnshaw said the car hurtled the bank of a small stream and crashed head into the bank on the opposite side.

The othe rthree sailors, all from the Naval Air Station at Norfolk, are under treatment at the Bethesda Naval Hospital. They are Roland Dunmyer, 18, of Hammerville, Pa.; Richard F. Doolin, 18, of Knoxville, Tenn., and Hillis Edward Morrell, 26, of Wilmington, Del.

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ashore for the volume of men arriving.

Substitute for Home

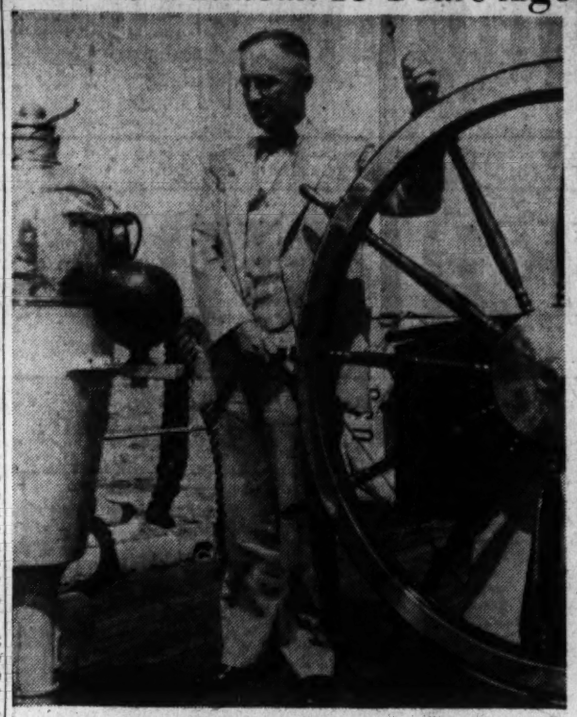
New York, Dec. 25 (AP).—Thousands of GIs who arrived on the East Coast too late to spend Christmas at home had the best substitute celebration the Army, American Red Cross and USO could offer.

They had turkey with trimmings, Christmas trees and gifts and holidays parties.

The Army staging and separation centers in the New York, Boston and Richmond, Va., areas outdid themselves to disspell any disappointment the servicemen might have felt.

Modern cement making is an art which was lost for ages, but rediscovered in the middle of the eighteenth centry by the famous Scottish engineer Smeaton, who built the first Eddystone Lighthouse to withstand the stress of wind and sea.

Truman Called 'Good Sailor' On USS Paducah 15 Years Ago



Skipper of the Ship of State when he practiced on the USS Paducah 15 years ago

By Edward T. Folliard
Post Staff Writer.

The seagoing gentleman pictured above is, of course, President Harry S. Truman. This is the way he looked about 15 years ago when he was Judge Truman of Jackson County, Mo., and had no notion of ever being Chief Executive of the world's greatest nation.

The photograph, heretofore unpublished, was made while Mr. Truman was taking a cruise in 1930 with the Eighth Naval Reserve Battalion, which had its headquarters in Kansas City.

The cruise was made aboard a gunboat, the USS Paducah. Mr. Truman and some 150 naval reservists, after a trip by rail from Kansas City, boarded the Paducah at Chicago and sailed on the Great Lakes for two weeks. Captain Ross Collins, USN, then a lieutenant commander, was in command.

Rowland Wilbur Charles, of 1669 Columbia rd. nw., who made the cruise as a lieutenant (j. g.), recalled yesterday that Mr. Truman was a "good sailor" and very friendly with all hands.

Charles, now a naval architect with the Army Transport Service, said that Mr. Truman spent a good deal of time on the Paducah's bridge, and took a deep interest in all the drills.

"Everybody liked him," Charles said. "I don't think he missed talking to a single man on board."

Muse of Congressional Record Must Find Quality Checkered

By Francis J. Kelly
Associated Press Staff Writer

Local pride struck the keynote this year for Congressional Record poets.

Tennessee, Pennsylvania, San Francisco and the Clarks Fork River of northern Idaho furnished some of the blossoms for the garland of verses which adorn the appendix of the lawmakers' official record.

In the battle for space in this legislative dustbin, poesy came out of its corner fighting and competed on even terms with prosy articles headlined "Where Are We Going to Get the Money?" and "Shall Grandfather Mountain Be Saved?"

Where else are mornings dawning,
Like dawn in Tennessee?

Dr. A. D. Albright of Knoxville propounded the question in a song mailed to Representative John Jennings, jr. (R., Tenn.), who popped it in the record along with the answer:

The mocker, wren and redbreast
So merrily sing to me
I feel next door to heaven
When I'm in Tennessee.

Dr. Albright also inquired "where is beauty fairer, or chivalry more true," and if you're too dumb to guess, just write Representative Jennings, Room 1228, New House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

Long Memory for Indians

Representative John C. Kunkel (R., Pa.) chose the appendix as the depository for this tribute to his State by Helen Hall Bucher:

All hail to Pennsylvania!
The glorious Keystone State;
Blood bought through strife and carnage
From the red man's deadly hate.

If the Honorable George M. Grant of Alabama scratches one of his constituents he's going to find a transplanted Californian. Witness this:

'Twas most fitting that the Conf'rence
Of United Nations should
Meet at San Francisco, city
Whose unique location could
For the purpose, not be equaled
In the Orange Blossom State
Of the sun-kissed California
With its open Golden Gate.

Pegasus of Iron Horse

Representative Compton I White (D., Idaho) has a railroad man friend whose run take him along the Clarks Fork River. That stream, according to White's correspondent,

. . . Moves along its banks between,
Diamonds dancing where the river
Ripples in the sun's bright sheen.

Occasionally the Nation's only official repository of rhyme veers away from geographical subjects into the realm of economics. Representative Homer D. Angell (R., Oreg.) claimed space for a poem on the Townsend plan, entitled "Uncle Sammie's oldsters," set down by one W. A. Luce. It reads in part:

We're not the least bit jealous, Mr.
Congressman, of your money in the bank,
Or your shiny automobile with ethyl in its tank.
We5re mighty glad you're able your income tax to file,
But in our high day, Mr. Congressman, we had you skinned a mile.

Tennessee got a double good break in the appendix. Jennings (remember him-) descended to prose to quote this definition by the late Tennessee Governor, Bob Taylor:

"The Mason and Dixon's line divides the land of hot biscuits from the land of cold light bread."

1686 Receive Discharges on Christmas Day

Baltimore, Dec. 25 (AP).—Honorable discharges were given to 1686 servicemen at Fort George G. Meade and the Bainbridge Naval Training Station separation centers Christmas Day.

Col. John P. Crehan, commanding officer of the Fort Meade separation center, said the men were given their choice of taking a three-day pass on December 23 and coming back for separation after Christmas, or staying on and going through the discharge schedule.

"All the officers and about half the enlisted men took the pass," the colonel explained, adding that "the 916 separated today were those who chose to remain." He said he believed most of this group returned to homes in Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania and West Virginia before Yuletide festivities were over.

At Bainbridge on Christmas Day 550 naval men and 220 Marines were discharged.

Most of the men discharged live within 12 hours travel time of this post," a Bainbridge officer said. "I think most of them got home tonight."

27 Men at Reed Get Free Calls To Families

Twenty-seven "hospital emergency" calls went out from the wards of Walter Reed Hospital yesterday, Christmas gifts to 27 wounded veterans of this war by citizens of Washington who contributed to The Washington Post Call Home Fund.

The calls were 5 minute conversations between bed patients unable to go home for Christmas and wives, mothers, fathers, sweethearts, brothers, and sisters.

$7000 Still in Fund

The fund that made them possible still contains about $7000, enough to finance monthly calls home by Walter Reed Hospital patients through June, telephone officials estimate.

Voices from the hospital wards yesterday reached to Santa Barbara, Buffalo, Salt Lake, New Orleans, Los Angeles, Denver, Boston, Chicago, Seattle, and points nearer. Telephone company officials gave the calls priority over other hospital messages, said nothing could describe appreciation of men who make the calls.

Patients now home on Christmas leaves tried to put their sentiments down in the hospital's telephone guest book as they called folks at home just before leaving for the holiday.

"One of Grandest Things"

"I, the great Patrick, consider the telephone calls home one of the grandest things that could possibly happen. Thank you all. I'll be back again." Patrick called St. Louis, Mo.

"We could do without Army officers, but not without these calls home," wrote a boy calling New York, N. Y.

Most of the riders in the Pony Express were about 20 years old, and weighed about 125 pounds.

JANE ARDEN

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YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, FRANKIE—THAT FELLOW DIDN'T MEAN A THING TO ME—
OH, YEAH? THEN MAYBE I SHOULD SEE YOU WITH SOME GUY YOU REALLY LIKE!
OH, DON'T BE LIKE THAT, FRANKIE—WHAT SORT OF HOME-COMING IS THIS?
THAT'S JUST WHAT I WAS THINKING!
I'M WISE TO YOU NOW, HILDA AND I'M THROUGH!
YOU CAN'T WALK OUT ON ME—I'LL SHOW YOU—

U. S. Willing To Give Allies Voice in Japan

By the United Press

The Far Eastern Advisory Commission has dropped the "advisory" from its name, authoritative sources revealed yesterday. The change indicated United States willingness to allow other allies greater voice in policy-making for control of Japan.

However, it was emphasized, the United States has insisted on maintaining supreme authority in the mplementation of policy inside Japan.

The 10-nation commission leaves today on a seven-week inspection tour of Japan. Members will live aboard a Navy cruiser and visit different parts of the Japanese islands.

Official quarters here expressed hope that a big power agreement on Japanese control may be forthcoming before the FEC leaves or soon after.

The United States has assured the Allies—including Russia—that this country is willing to gve them full share in laying down policy. This is a modification of Secretary of State James F. Byrnes original position that the commission should have purely recommendatory powers. This country nevertheless is insisting on the final word in carrying out the policy.

Informed sources said the United States and Russia still do not see eye to eye on the division between formulating and implementing Japanese control policy.

The Soviets are seeking a four-power control council like the one in Germany on which each nation would have the power of veto. The United States, mindful of the unfortunate experience in Germany, is standing firm on the thesis that the Tokyo council must be set up so that Gen. Douglas MacArthur's authority can not be stymied by a single nation's veto.

"We feel it essential to the successful carrying out of a unified command in Japan," one source said, "that MacArthur not be hamstrung by a control council."

Mrs. Patton Is Flown Here From Europe

Mrs. Beatrice Patton, widow of Gen. George S. Patton, jr., arrived at Washington National Airport yesterday at 1:30 p. m. to spend Christmas afternoon with her four grandchildren.

Mrs. Patton was returning from Hamm, Luxembourg, where she attended funeral services for her husband. She was a passenger on an Air Transport Command C-54 plane making a regular scheduled flight from Paris to Washington.

She was met by her son, West Point Cadet George S. Patton, III, and her sons-in-law and daughters, Col. and Mrs. John K. Waters and Lieut. Col. and Mrs. James K. Totten.

Appearing pale and grave, the widow of the colorful general wore deep mourning. She had been flown from Paris to Bedford, Mass., where she made a brief stop. The plane also stopped at La Guardia Field in New York for two hours while waiting for the weather to clear here.

In New York Mrs. Patton was greeted by ATC officers, and responded with a cheerful "Merry Christmas, boys."

From Washington Airport, she was whisked to the Waters home, 3900 Tunlaw rd. nw., where a Christmas dinner was waiting. She opened and admired Christmas gifts with her four grandchildren, John Waters, 7; George Waters, 4; Michael Totten, 4, and Beatrice Totten, 2.

Mrs. Waters said last night that her mother would remain at the Tunlay rd. address for an indefinite period.

New U. Md. Club Elects Officers

Peter Bozick has been elected president of the Rossborough Club, the University of Maryland announced yesterday.

Other officers are John McVeigh, vice president; Frederick Stafford, treasurer, and Jerry Cleaver, secretary.

The club, which has been recently reorganized by the student board, at the request of the student life committee, will hold its first dance in the armory on the campus February 16.

DON WINSLOW

RED, THAT WAS THE FINEST CHRISTMAS DAY I'VE SPENT IN MY WHOLE LIFE!
YOU CAN DOUBLE THAT, SKIPPER...CAL KING AND THE F.S.O. BOYS ARE TOPS—BOY, WHAT A DINNER!
HURRY, SPARKLE TOP, WE'VE GOT TO ATTEND A SPECIAL F.S.O. MEETING!
I KNOW—IT'S IN OUR HONOR...I'LL SPEED UP!
NOW ALL TOGETHER—LET'S HAVE THE DON WINSLOW CREED!
I CONSECRATE MY LIFE TO PEACE AND WILL PROMOTE ALL THINGS CLEAN, WHOLESOME AND UPRIGHT...I WILL LOVE MY COUNTRY, ITS FLAG AND ALL IT STANDS FOR...I WILL FOLLOW THE ADVICE OF MY PARENTS AND SUPERIORS AND WILL HELP SOMEONE EVERY DAY!

Lon Chaneys Remarry

Associated Press WIREPHOTO.

FIVE-CARAT SURPRISE FOR MRS.—Film Actor Lon Chaney slips a wedding ring on the finger of his wife, Patsy, in a ceremony held at their home in Hollywood, Calif., Christmas Eve. The silver band he gave her when they were married eight years ago was exchanged for a five-carat diamond

Iran Cabinet Member Quits As Shah Asked

Tehran, Dec. 25 (AP).—Khalil Fahimi resigned today as Iran's Minister of the Interior while leftist forces fought on for recognition of the autonomous government set up in Russian-occupied Azerbaijan Province.

Fahimi said he quit because he had been "asked to do so by the Shah." His successor, Allahyar Salem, former minister without portfolio, was appointed to fill the interior post last week, when the refusal of Fahimi to resign almost precipitated a cabinet crisis.

Meantime, Dr. M. Rudmanesh, a Tubeh (leftist) Party member, told Parliament that Iran was "fighting democracy" in resisting the autonomy movement in Azerbaijan. He declared Iran was sticking to old traditions "when every country is reforming itself on lines of socialism."

He said Russia's interest in Azerbaijan was a "wish to have a neutral and democratic power" at her side, and added: "We cannot keep 15 million people (Azerbaijanis) starved and unclothed side by side with the 200 million people of the Soviet."

TRUMAN

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President's craft started down the icy runway. A transport reserved for the press and radio was delayed over two hours in taking off to accompany the President. Unlike the President's craft, this plane had been parked in the open, and it had to be taken into a hangar for removal of the ice on its wings.

Others in Party

In addition to the Snyders, others in the President's plane were Miss Rose Conway, a presidential secretary; Mrs. Lewis Truman, wife of the chief of staff of the Eighty-fourth Division, who is the President's cousin; Brig. Gen. Harry Vaughn, military aide; his daughter, Janet, and Secretary Miss Ruth Anderson, and R. R. Zimmerman, an administrative assistant to the President.

Two Christmas dinners were awaiting the President at Independence, one at the Truman home where his mother, wife and other relatives were ready to help him do justic to a 30-pound turkey. Across the street, his 96-year-old aunt, Mrs. Joseph T. Noland, arranged another dinner for the Chief Executive, featured by his favorite pound cake. Still another holiday feast had been in the cards, at the home of the President's mother, at Grandview, Mo. But because Mr. Truman was delayed in coming, she decided to join the family party in Independence.

Legion, VFW Seek Relief for Fire Victims

The Police and Fire Posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars began plans yesterday to set up a joint fund for the relief of the Holstein family, made destitute when fire swept their home at 114 E st. nw., Sunday.

John M. Wilson, commander of the post for the American Legion, said that persons wishing to contribute money, food or clothing to the six persons affected by the tragedy should call Mrs. Hazel Frazier, Mi. 1044, chairman of the relief and welfare committee of the post.

Private Wilson said more definite information about the drive would be announced as soon as a meeting is held with VFW representatives.

The fire started when a spark from a light plug ignited cotton batting around the Christmas tree and quickly swept through the two-story brick home of Mrs. Annie Bell Holstein. Five of eight persons in the house were burned seriously and a 14-year-old girl visitor burned to death.

In improved condition yesterday at Emergency Hospital were Mrs. Holstein, 43, widowed mother of eight, and Mrs. Virginia Leoard, 23, a daughter. Reported in serious condition at Casualty Hospital were two of the Holstein children, Annie Laurie, 17, and Harold, 6. A third, Barbara, 14, and her nephew, Bruce Leopard, 5, are staying in Chevy Chase at the home of a relative.

Funeral services for Naomi Norwood, 14, 1304 Belmont st. nw., best friend of Barbara Holstein, who was visiting at the home when the tragedy occurred, will be held at 11 a. m. tomorrow at the Chambers funeral home, and burial will be in Germantown, Md.

Accept Future As Adventure, King Advises

London, Dec. 25 (U.P.).—King George VI told the youth of the Empire in a Christmas address today to bring lif. "your courage, your hopes, and your sense of humor" for the building of a more peaceful world.

The King called upon young people to work at building a world "where men and women can live in mutual trust and walk together as friends." He admitted that the "nations of the world are not yet a united family."

"Let our sympathy for others move us to humble gratitude that God has given to our Commonwealth and Empire a wonderful spirit of unity and affection," he said. "Let us have no fear of the future, but think of it as an opportunity and an adventure."

He pointed out that "in liberated countries, millions will spend this Christmas under terribly hard conditions with only the bare necessities of life."

Compressor Blast At Dairy Causes $6000 Damage

An ammonia compressor in an ice machine exploded, causing $6000 damage at the Maryland Farms Dairy in Brentwood yesterday.

J. B. Wright, manager, said there were 12 workers in the two-story building at the time, but none was injured. All were driven from the building by the escaping ammonia fumes.

Three fire departments from Brentwood, Mount Rainier and Bladensburg answered the alarm to extinguish the small blaze that followed the blast. Firemen were obliged to use masks before entering the basement where the ice machine was located.

The basement was a shambles, a first floor ceiling fell and doors and windows on the first and second floors were blown out.

Years after Buffalo Bill's time, the buffalo bones were gathered and sold to make fertilizer, buttons, chicken feed, knives and other tools. It is said that more than two million dollars' worth of these bones was taken out of Kansas in 10 years.

Rail Income Rests on Taxes, Employment

By the United Press

War-swollen rail traffic faces a decided drop, but the economic outlook for the railroads in the next two or three years is favorable provided nearly full employment is maintained, a Commerce Department analyst said last night.

If unemployment is kept at a minimum, railway net income after taxes ind immediate postwar years will be nearly the same as the amount earned in 1944 because of the recently passed tax bill, Haskell P. Wald said in an article in Survey of Current Business, department publication.

Tax Repeal Helps

The tax advantage—repeal of the excess profits tax—will keep earning up though gross operating revenues are reduced by about one fourth, he said.

If unemployment should rise to the level of the thirties, net income would be substantially depressed, even though traffic generally is expected to be considerably greater than in the prewar period, he said.

He pointed out that the financial condition of the railroads is now stronger than at any time since the late 20s and that the "traffic bonanza" of recent years has brought widespread financial improvement to the industry.

These gains must inevitably fall off even if general business activity holds up well, he said. He said that diversion of much traffic from competing forms of transport had contributed to the war increase in rail traffic.

Costs May Go Up

Railroad operating costs will tend to increase except where technological progress makes new economies, he said. But wage rates, fuel and materials prices probably will put operating expenses substantially above former levels.

In a postwar year such as 1948 or 1948, rail traffic will be "far heavier" than in any peacetime year—or "moderately below" 1942 volume, provided conditions of full employment are maintained, he said.

In less favorable business conditions, traffic still would be considerably above that of the 30s, but less than in the 20s—or roughly halfway between 1940 and 1941 volume, he said.

PARLEY

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Generalissimo Stalin presided as host.

At the dinner 15 toasts were drunk, and those proposed by Secretary Byrnes were said to have amused Premier Stalin highly. Stalin gave an "atomic" toast and all drained their glasses with an air of friendly amusement at the implication. Just what Stalin said was not made public. Informed sources said yesterday that Russia has not been let in on any secrets about the atomic bomb. However, it was reported that the Big Three Foreign Ministers did not discuss the American-British-Canadian policy on world control of atomic energy during their meetings.

Communique Today, U. S. Time

A communique covering the business conducted at the conference is expected to be issued at 2 a. m., Thursday (6 p. m., Eastern standard time, Wednesday).

It was reported that Secretary Byrnes had no idea that an actual agreement could be made on the peace treaties when he came here, and observers recalled his statement upon his arrival that one should not be surprised if no agreements were reached at the conference.

The three men soon discovered they could do no more than simply explore—as was the original expectation—and then they got down to discussing the issues and the decisions which could be taken. Informed sources said the agreement on peace treaty procedure was very close to the compromise formula proposed by Byrnes at the Five Power Foreign Ministers' Conference in London.

Others to Be Invited

The American delegation took a very favorable view of the first agreement—that the peace terms should be drawn up by the nations which signed, the [illegible]stice terms with Germany's European satellites, "except in the case of other members of the United Nations who will be invited to take part in decisions of questions which concern them," and that deputies of the Five Power Council of Foreign Ministers will resume their work in London with the new formula as a base.

Specifically, the agreement (terms of which were sent to France and China with a request for its approval by the two governments) provided that the terms of the peace treaty with Italy be drafted by the United States, Britain, Russia and France, and that treaties with Romania, Bulgaria and Hungary be drawn up by Russia, the United States and Britain. Britain and Russia will draft the treaty with Finland.

China was reported to have approved the agreement but no word has yet been received from the French government.

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ing this and other interested governments informed, Vinson told Pleven he had followed "with sympathetic interest the efforts of France to cope with her difficult economic problems."

"I wish to extend my best wishes to your government, your people and yourself in this undertaking," he said.

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None Overlooked In D. C. Celebration

Unblessed Meek

Christmas Just Another Boxtown Day

By John F. Gerrity
Post Staff Writer

As the President stood on the snow-covered White House lawn Christmas Eve and asked for "charity to all men," 50 Washington families, on the other side of the city, were too miserable trying to keep warm to think much of Christmas.

In fact, Christmas Day, with its slush and sleet, were a little crueler than most, to the residents of Boxtown, who live in unbelievable squalor at Marshall Heights in Southeast Washington.

Boxtown means just what it implies. Homes clustered in a sloppy hollow two city blocks square at the foot of the 5300 block of C st. se., are built of old crates and scraps of lumber.

The wind whistles through the tar-paper-covered walls of this Negro community. Patches of cement partially fill cracks in windows and door sills.

Water Must be Hauled

There is no water except that supplied by three community pumps. And that must be hauled in buckets, in some cases as much as two blocks. There are no toilets; only outhouses. Lights range from candles to improvised gasoline lanterns. House foundations are nonexistent, and water and slush seep through the floors and doorsills.

The Watkins family and home are typical of Boxtown.

Laborer Thomas Watkins, 37, his wife, Elver, 35, and their nine children, who range in age from 2 to 18, have been living in Boxtown 8 years. They built their home themselves. First it was a two-room shack, but as the children came and as the wood from the Benning freight yards became easier to get they enlarged the house until now they have four rooms.

There is a living room 8 feet square, heated by a tiny cast iron stove, smaller than the kind that used to heat the old fashioned railroad caboose. Two bedrooms, each with three beds, where 11 people sleep in shifts—and a kitchen, which they can't use much now, since the sleet tore huge leaks in the wall.

A Couple of Dolls

The Watkinses are luckier, in some respects, than other members of the "community"—for the water pump is only about 50 feet away. And a few weeks ago, they were able to put "fine patches" on the outhouse, "and it isn't so bad now."

The Watkinses weren't very happy this Christmas; nor were they very unhappy. "Christmas, and any other day, for that matter, doesn't mean much—It's just one more to get through."

Still there were a couple of dolls for the girls—"some relief lady, I don't know who, gave them"—and a 10-cent bag of candy they shared last night.

The rest of Boxtown is in the same plight—or worse. Most of the families are large. Most have lived there for three or four years. They came to Washington during the war years "when work was easy."

Every one of the 50 shacks made some pretext of cleaning up for Christmas.

Good When Weather Stops

They are neighborly, too. To the extent they can, they help each other, as in carrying water or lending wood, minding babies or feeding the few scraggly chickens that peck aimlessly around the shacks.

Mrs. Watkins summed up the Christmas spirit in Boxtown:

"It'll be good when the weather stops—then maybe there'll be more work and, with enough to eat, I guess maybe we can forget Christmas."

Gifts Showered On Hospitalized GIs and Orphans

Friends remembered hundreds in Washington who might otherwise have been forgotten this Christmas.

Merriment abounded at the city's canteens, where turkey dinners with the trimmings were served to help make the guests feel welcome.

The District's orphans were feted from early morning to night.

Hospitalized Yanks were given parties by auxiliaries of veterans' organizations and other local groups. The Yanks all received gifts from the ample packages collected by the American Legion during its successful "Gifts for Yanks" drive for 10,000 gifts.

At Walter Reed, Pfc. Arthur Zobelein, 20, New York City, was declared the winner of a contest to see which patient had the best decorated bed. Zobelein draped multi-colored crepe paper around the traction weight for his fractured leg, and added further decorations by stringing colored paper over the structure of his bed. For a prize he received a cigarette case, lighter and wallet from the Red Cross.

Runner-up was Pvt. Charles Kulenek, Baltimore, Md., who painted a fancy woman's stocking and garter on the cast on his leg. Kulenek's prize was a bathrobe.

So many gifts were sent to the Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., that each man had five packages to open. Movies followed turkey dinners and caroling.

Happiness at St. Ann's

Overwhelming response of the city of an appeal by The Post for gifts for St. Ann's Infant Asylum, 2300 K st. nw., resulted in one of the brightest Christmas mornings the asylum has ever had.

The excited children screamed and shouted in delight at the array of bicycles, trucks, cunning dolls, candy, games and other toys waiting for them under the Christmas tree.

Dark-haired, husky Larry, 5 years old, who has wanted Santa Claus to bring him a tricycle for "ever so long" was speechless at the red bike that was ready for him under the tree. All smiles, he took the bike over to the corner of the playroom to happily ride his new possession 'round and 'round in continuous circles.

Both Arms Full

He was soon joined by titian-haired Ella Mae, 5 years old, who was contentedly guiding her tricycle with her left hand while her right arm cuddled a new beruffled doll. Plump, rosy-cheeked Willy, 3 years old, was particularly proud of his bright new yellow wool romper suit.

Homesick GIs who couldn't be with their families yesterday held a Christmas party at 3 p. m. at St. John's Orphanage, 20th and F sts. nw. The servicemen and women collected used toys through the public schools and spent the past weeks at the USO, 1911 H st. nw., repairing the toys in an improvised workshop.

Other parties were held at the Children's Country Home, 18th st. and Bunker Hill rd. ne., and at the Stoddard Baptist Home, 324 Bryant st. nw.

Caroling Is Feature

Lusty caroling followed hearty turkey dinners at the United Nations Service Center, 500 North Capitol st., as groups clustered around the piano in the lobby all day to lead in singing their carol favorites.

The 100 men who ate at the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Club, 1015 L st. nw., from 12:30 to 2:30 p. m., spent what was described as a "leisurely, quiet afternoon talking and listening to the radio."

At the Pepsi-Cola and Stage Door Canteens, however, dancing and entertainment were the order of the day until midnight. The clubs reported that volunteer help during the day was excellent.

Instead of taking a rest for the day all the help of the Casablanca Restaurant, 421 11th st. nw., reported to work to serve heaping helpings of roast chicken to 125 servicemen who were guests of the restaurant. Singing and dancing followed. Government workers and other Washington residents were made welcome at church dinners held all over the city.

Needy families had complete Christmas dinners, thanks to the full baskets distributed by various local organizations, and at the Gospel Mission, 810 5th st. nw., more than 200 men were guests of the mission for Christmas dinner.

Honor Medal Awarded Hero Posthumously

The Congressional Medal of Honor has been awarded posthumously to Pfc. Manuel Perez, jr., native of Oklahoma City, who killed at least 23 Japanese in a successful whirlwind assault on an enemy pillbox in Luzon, it was announced last night.

The medal will be presented to his father, Manuel Perez, Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. The 22-year-old hero, who was inducted into the Army in Chicago in 1943, lost his life in later action March 14, 1945, while protecting withdrawal of a patrol under fire.

Perez, lead scout of his company during the drive toward Fort McKinley last February 13, climbed on top of a captured pillbox after his company was pinned down and its advance halted by enemy fire.

He opened fire on the snipers and despite heavy fire held his post and killed three. Then under Jap bullets, he circled around to flank the machine-gun nest. A fourth sniper then opened on Perez, but he killed the Jap rifleman in a leaping rush and slammed a grenade into the pillbox.

As Japs started to leave the emplacement by a tunnel, Perez shot eight down and then had his own rifle knocked from his hands by a ninth Jap. He grabbed a Jap rifle which had been thrown at him and shot down two more of the enemy.

Having run out of ammunition, he clubbed with the captured rifle and killed three more Japs and bayoneted the last one.

"Singlehandedly, he killed 18 of the enemy in neutralizing the position that had held up the advance of his entire company," his citation said. "Through his courageous determination and heroic disregard of grave danger, Private Perez made possible the successful advance of his unit toward a valuable objective and provided a lasting inspiration for his comrades."

Tree Ceremony Is Scheduled by Woodmoor Group

The Woodmoor (Md.) Citizens Association will sponsor a community tree lighting ceremony tomorrow from 5 until 6 p. m. at the intersection of Woodmoor and Lexington drives.

Open to all residents of the community, the program will be highlighted by presentation of gifts from Santa Claus to the children.

The Rev. Marion S. Michael, pastor of the Marvin Memorial Methodist Church, will give the invocation followed by vocal solos by Mrs. Floyd Carver and Harry Crow, both Woodmoor residents. Carols will be sung by the junior choir of Marvin Memorial Church. For one hour each night chimes will be played throughout the holidays beginning today.

Joseph Dondero, president, announced a Christmas dance will be held December 29 at the new community center.

Doolittle Plays Santa Claus

Associated Press Photo

FOR WALTER REED PATIENTS—Lieut. Gen. James H. Doolittle autographs a cast for Pfc. Tony Cerasaro, Endicott, N. Y., when he played Santa Claus for patients at the hospital Christmas Eve. Cerasaro's wife, Frances (left), and his 4-year-old daughter were brought to Walter Reed by a radio program as a surprise for the veteran

Christmas Day Services Draw D. C. Faithful

By Robert Tate Allan
Post Church Editor

Christmas Day services yesterday drew the faithful to Catholic and Protestant churches in and near the District.

It was a holy day of obligation in Catholic parishes, so the worshipers came to masses from early Christmas morning until noon.

Most of the Protestant services Christmas Day were centered in Episcopal and Lutheran Churches, as many Protestant congregations had Christmas Eve rites. A number of church-sponsored social events were held yesterday and others are planned for later this week.

Delivering the sermon at the 19th annual Federation of Churches' citywide Christmas service at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church was Dr. John W. Rustin, pastor of Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church and past federation president.

Dr. Rustin made a plea for humanity to view life through spiritual windows, not through mirrors. He said mirrors reflect our own selfishness, while windows help us find God and happiness.

The Rev. L. Ralph Tabor, pastor of Luther Place Memorial Church, Thomas Circle, and chairman of the federation's public meetings committee, read the Scripture from First Corinthians, 13th chapter. Dr. Peter Marshall was host pastor, the offering will aid the federation-sponsored Protestant chaplaincy at St. Elizabeth's Hospital and District penal institutions.

A holiday congregation thinned by stormy weather worshiped at Christmas Day services at the Washington Cathedral on Mount St. Albans. The Right Rev. Angus Dun, Episcopal Bishop of Washington, preached at the 11 o'clock service.

More Events Arranged as GI Welcome

The following activities will be held today to help "Welcome the Boys Home":

Holiday Barn Dance, USO, 1911 H st. nw., 8:30 p. m.

Dance given by Naval Barracks, 1320 G sts. nw., 8:30 to 11:30 p. m.

Christmas party, Banneker Service Center (Negro), 2500 Georgia ave. nw.

Voice recordings, 6 p. m., and social hour, 8 p. m., USO, 8th and Market space n.w.

Other activities include:

Variety show and band concert given by Boys Club of Washington before the Rotary Club luncheon at the Statler Hotel, 12:30 p. m.

Christmas party for Northwest Settlement House, 515 M st. nw., sponsored by Lichtman's Theater, 1:30 p. m.

Christmas theater party, Southeast Settlement House, 324 Virginia ave. se., 10 a. m.

Teen-age holiday dance, Friendship House, 619 D st. se., 7:30 p. m.

Soldier's Gift To Fiancee Big Surprise to Him

Philadelphia, Dec. 25 (INS).—A romantic soldier was certain to be disappointed today when he gave his Christmas gift to his prospective fiancee.

He bought a box of candy at Miss Betty Kuhn's Philadelphia candy shop last Saturday, and asked her to put a diamond engagement ring in it as a surprise for his girls. Miss Kuhn dropped the ring box, picked it up and went on with her wrapping.

The soldier disappeared with the candy under his arm. A few minutes later the ring was found on the candy shop floor. It had rolled out of the box.

Miss Kuhn is still waiting for the soldier to come back for the ring.

Committee Poll Shows Support For Home Rule

By James E. Chinn
Post Staff Writer

A partial poll yesterday indicated that the Joint Congressional Reorganization Committee will approve self-government for the District.

"Home rule" for the District is one of the 40 recommendations the committee will pass upon when Congress returns from its holiday recess January 14.

The plan has the unswerving support now of 5 of the 12 members. One member said he knew of no "outspoken" opposition in the entire committee.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Pat McCarran (D., Nev.), who championed the self-govern-plan before the joint committee, is confident now it will at least be formally presented to the Senate and House. A "home rule" bill he introduced in January has been corked up in a Senate District Subcommittee—never given a chance for Senate consideration.

McCarran's bill calls for an elected council-city manager form of government. The plan before the joint committee, however, merely proposes that a charter commission be created to find out by referendum the form of government desired by the people of the District.

Strongest supporters on the joint committee for self-government for the District are its cochairman—Senator Robert M. La Follette, jr. (R. Wisc.), and Representative A. S. Mike Monroney, (D., Okla.). Both have expressed themselves as believing that Congress, in streamlining its organization and procedures, should shake off the extra curricula job of serving as a city council for the District

Other members, too, have voiced a similar opinion, and called attention to some of the legislation of a "borough council character" Congress had to pass on for the District while struggling with important war problems.

Most frequently cited classic examples are laws enacted to permit shad to be sold here in December, and forbidding sale at all times of rockfish measuring less than 11 inches "from the tip of the nose to the fork of the tail."

Tied up with the "home rule" plan is a recommendation for abolition of the Senate and House District Committees—two of the 49 committees of Congress that would be scrapped or absorbed by other committees under the proposed reorganization setup.

NAM President Flays Truman's Wage Statement

New York, Dec. 21 (AP).—Ira Mosher, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, today criticized President Truman's wage statements, saying in a statement:

"President Truman's statement yesterday that 'wages are paid out of earnings' and that fact-finding boards should have the legal right to 'examine the books' of employers is a perfect example of that type of thoughtless and short-sighted political policy which is largely responsible for much of the present labor difficulty in this country and which is bound to stop progress and prevent full employment in the coming years if approved and applied."

The NAM president continued: "What the Chief Executive is saying in effect is that wages must be based upon 'ability to pay' and that 'ability to pay' is measured by the earnings of a company.

"This is a fundamental economic fallacy, because the ability to pay must be measured by productivity, not by earnings."

Nubbins Is Cooking This Year

Associated Press WIREPHOTO

FINGER IN THE CHRISTMAS PIE—Forest (Nubbins) Hoffman, 4, of Cheyenne, Wyo., who had Christmas in November last year because he wasn't expected to live, is feeling "just swell" this year. On Monday he helped his mother, Mrs. Marshall Hoffman, roll out pie crust

600 Americans Will Observe Greece's Elections by Request

By Graham Hovey
Associated Press Staff Writer

More than 600 Americans will go into all parts of Greece shortly as election observers in a project believed unique in history.

The size of the United States delegation and the exhaustive scope of the project were disclosed yesterday by informed Government officials, who asked to remain anonymous.

These officials said they knew of no parallel for the observation—by invitation—of one country's elections by citizens of another on such a scale.

Britain and France also have accepted the Greek invitation to send observers, but Russia has declined.

Henry F. Grady, former Assistant Secretary of State, will head the United States mission. Under him will be five or six Commissioners. One of these—Maj. Gen. Harry J. Malony—already has been chosen by the War Department, which will collaborate with the State Department on the project.

Samplers Going Along

The rest of the organization, officials said, will include:

1. An "indoctrination" staff of experts on Greek history and politics, who will give background lectures to the observation teams.

2. A group of "sampling" experts, something like public opinion pollsters, who will take censuses in all parts of Greece to build up a scientific basis for the election observation.

3. Approximately 100 American observation teams, consisting in most cases of an Army officer, enlisted man, driver and Greek interpreter, who will travel in a jeep and trailer to their observation points.

4. A secretary-general and secretariat for the delegation.

The British also will send out about 100 observation teams and the French about 40, officials said

Assembly in Italy

Administrative officials of the American group will leave for Greece early in January, with others to follow. The War Department will pick the Army officers and men to serve on the teams from troops in the European or Mediterranean theaters to cut down transportation expenses.

The teams probably will assemble first in Italy for their indoctrination courses. While this is proceeding, the census crews will be compiling information in Greece. Asked how they would operate, one official said he thought they would manage "without ringing doorbells," but gave no further details.

Much of the work of the observation teams will be carried out before the Greeks go to the polls March 31, officials said. For about four weeks before that date, the teams will be traveling through their assigned areas, checking the election registration lists and trying to detect any evidence of fraud or intimidation.

Their task will be complicated by the fact that there are some 150 political parties in Greece.

Constitution to Be Revised

How the teams will operate at the polling places election day has not been determined. The teams will head up under several "area headquarters" organizations.

The Greeks will elect an assembly which wil lserve both as the national legislature and a body to revise the 1911 constitution. Like their Yugoslav neighbors, Greek legislators may rule on the ticklish question of whether to continue the monarchy and permit King George to return from his London exile.

Greece invited foreign observers to the elections under a Yalta Big Three provision that the major Allies would aid any liberated or former Axis-affiliated European state in measures to guarantee the right of the people to choose their own government.

Russia declined on grounds that the "observers" in fact would become "supervisers," and said the Soviet Union was opposed to intervening in another country's domestic affairs.

This refusal was generally regarded by United States officials as a move to forestall pressure for similar observations of elections in Bulgaria and Romania, where Soviet-recognized governments have not been recognized by this country or Britain.

Study of Naval Bases Planned On Pacific Tour

Two congressional subcommittees will take off for the Pacific area and Japan January 5 to study such problems as permanent naval bases, transportation bottlenecks for returning servicemen, and the cultivation of natural rubber and silk, it was learned last night.

They will travel in a four-engine Navy plane and visit Kwajalein and other Pacific bases before going on to Japan. The junket is expected to require three weeks.

One group is from the House Naval Affairs Committee. It is composed of Chairman L. Mendell Rivers (D., N. C.), Michael J. Bradley (D., Pa.), John E. Fogarty (D., R. I.) and George J. Bates (R., Mass.).

The other is a subcommittee representing the House Agriculture Committee Concerned with the culture of silk and rubber, it includes Chairman W. R. Poage (D., Tex.), Harold D. Cooley (D., N. C.), John W. Flannagan, jr. (D., Va.) and Ross Rizley (R., Okla.).

The committees will return before February 1. Chairman Carl Vinson (D., Ga.), of the full Naval Affairs Committee, said he had authorized them to go together.

Another Naval Affairs Subcommittee completed an inspection of Pacific bases just a year ago. But the province of the new group is more far-reaching, Vinson said.

"This subcommittee is going to make a three-fold inspection," he said. "First, it will inquire into the Pacific bases and report on which, in its opinion, should be retained or discarded, and which should be strengthened and enlarged.

"Second, it will look into surplus Navy property at those bases with an eye to ultimate disposal.

"Third, but by no means least, it will determine whether shipping facilities are satisfactory. We want to know if there are sufficient ships to bring the men home from the Pacific, and in what condition this equipment is."

(Several weeks ago Chairman Elbert W. Thomas (D., Utah) of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, returned by troop transport from Europe. He said that ships were greatly overcrowded.)

The Agriculture Subcommittee will be armed with a congressional authorization to investigate the possibility of both silkworm and rubber cultivation in this country. The group already is working in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture which has set up an experimental rubber station.

Martin Sees FEPC Bill Passing House

By International News Service

House Minority Leader Martin (R., Mass.) predicted yesterday that the controversial FEPC bill, bottled up in the Rules Committee since early in 1944, would be passed by the House in February.

Martin said he was confident that enogh signatures could be obtained to a discharge petition to bring the bill out of the committee and to the House floor.

His statement indicated that the Republican leadership intended to support the legislation, which would bar discrimination in employment because of race, creed, color, national origin or ancestry.

Senators Ball (R., Minn.), and Chavez (D., N. Mex.), said they would call for a consideration of a similar bill in the Senate early in January. A filibuster against the bill is anticipated in the upper chamber.

Unless the legislation is approved, the temporary Fair Employment Practices Committee created as a war measure in 1940, will go out of existence June 30, 1946.

Christmas Phone Calls Establish New Record

New York, Dec. 25 (INS).—The American Telephone and Telegraph Co. announced tonight that all records for long distance and overseas calls from the United States were broken on Christmas Eve.

Long distance calls were 21 per cent greater than in any previous Christmas Eve or Day, a company spokesman said. Overseas calls were 88 per cent greater than in Christmas of 1944.

Because of the packed wires, thousands of calls took hours to place today. The worst line in this respect was from Seattle to Cleveland, where the delay was 19 hours.

There's More Than Horse Sense Here

Associated Press WIREPHOTO

PROF PLANS A WARM BOXCAR—Dressed warmly against the Midwest cold, Prof. George C. Gates, 41, of Iowa State Teachers College, unties his horses as he prepares to leave Cedar Falls, Iowa, in an unheated box car for a new teaching assignment in Greely, Colo. Gates expects the horses to keep him warm. His wife will ride a coach

SS Philadelphia, Beaten by Storm, Brings in 1268

New York, Dec. 25 (AP).—The light cruiser Philadelphia, her forecastle deck buckled, her hull plating ripped and her gun shields and fittings twisted by wind and waves, arrived today with 1268 military personnel whose disappointment for Christmas was overshadowed by joy in reaching land.

"We did everything possible to get the boys home for Christmas and still preserve the ship," said Capt. Robert W. Berry of San Francisco. A roll of 41 degrees and 80-foot waves delayed the vessel, he added.

"If we chose to run before the storm and ride it out, we wouldn't have got in before New Year's," he said.

Lieut. (jg) C. F. Beatty, naval liaison officer to the Army, of Scarsdale, N. Y., said Albert Parker of Philadelphia, damage control officer, and a party of Navy men who went forward to repair the buckled forecastle deck had to be fastened to lines to keep them from being swept overboard.

Alexandria USES Gets 5-Day Week

The Alexandria office of the United States Employment Service at 301 King st., will begin operating on a five-day week after January 5, according to Herbert B. Newell, office manageer.

Office hours will continue with the opening at 8:30 a. m. and closing at 5 p. m. Monday through Friday.

Wool Clothing for Veterans Pledged by OPA, Senator Says

By the United Press

Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.) said last night that OPA had pledged early action to make woolen clothing available to millions of returning GI-clad veterans "at a price they can afford."

O'Mahoney, chairman of a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee, said he obtained the promise from Richard H. Field, OPA general counsel after demanding that OPA "thoroughly investigate" what effect its "wool maximum average price order" was having on wool clothing production. The Senator also suggested that OPA heed manufacturers' suggestions.

Field, in a letter made public by O'Mahoney, said OPA is now planning a conference with the industry advisory committee early next year to discuss the "wool maximum average price order."

Also, Field wrote, OPA considers it "of paramount importance that all steps be taken which are necessary to insure the millions of returning veterans an opportunity to buy wool garments at a price which they can afford."

He said OPA is investigating whether manufacturers of woolen clothing face special problems "which might in any way prejudice men's wear production."

"I can assure you that we are now examining the problem with greatest care," Field told O'Mahoney, "and will take, immediately, any further steps that appear necessary."

O'Mahoney's statement said that by wool textile manufacturers "declare unequivocally that ((the order) continues to result in reducing needed men's wear fabrics by some 50 per cent and has increased the production of lighter-weight, lower-cost women's wear materials by the same percentages."

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BARNABY — **By Crockett Johnson**

Pop, can you fix my movie camera? Mr. O'Malley, my Fairy Godfather, was taking pictures with it, and—
Oh, I suppose I can fix an imaginary camera—
He HAS got a camera! A real one!
Where did you get this, son?
Mr. O'Malley. He waved his wand—
Here's the wrapping it came in, John. And there's a letter in it . . . For you!
For me?
CROCKETT JOHNSON

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

SOME PEOPLE, if they have read this far in my series on putting Christianity into diplomacy, will have concluded that I am a nut on the question of peace. Perhaps they are right. In that connection, I should warn that I belong to a religious group, the Society of Friends (Quakers), which tries to practice the doctrine of peace.

With that warning, therefore, I return to the fact that Christ was a man who went out and worked at His religion. He didn't stay in one place. He didn't hide his candlestick under a bushel. He battled so hard for His cause of peace on earth, goodwill toward men, that eventually He sacrificed His life.

He had what He thought was a great idea and He traveled day and night trying to sell it.

Now we in this country have a great form of government and a great basic concept of getting along with our neighbors. And it's time we went out as Christ did and tried to sell our American religion.

Selling the Idea

WE CAN'T SIT passive in big, ornate houses as most of our Ambassadors do, giving ritzy cocktail parties for upper-crust old ladies and other has-beens. Our diplomats have got to go out and talk to the real folks that make up the backbone of the country.

This is not just theory. It works out in practice that when the people of a country are behind you, and don't have to worry about their government. Their government, even an out-and-out dictatorship, can't make war on you. The people won't let 'em.

Take, for instance, the case of Joe Stalin on 1942 and '43. He was constantly griping because we didn't start a second front against the Nazis. And in order to spur us into a second front, he kept hinting that he might make a separate peace with Germany. United States advisers were worried about this. But Churchill wasn't. He kept telling Roosevelt that there wasn't a chance in the world that Stalin would have a separate peace with Germany because the Russian people wouldn't let him. He would be kicked out of office overnight.

Take some other cases nearer home. We and our Pan-American neighbors have probably done a better job of warding off wars than the rest of the world, partly because we work at it harder, partly because we have a free press and can mold public opinion. Several times within the last decade, Colombia, Peru and Ecuador have been on the verge of war. Once or twice their armies actually started to march. But their neighbors all sat round the ring, held on to their coat-tails, and fanned public opinion into a hot flame against the foolishness of war. In the end the South American generals, who were the only ones who actually wanted to fight, had to take a back seat.

Shirt-Sleeve Diplomacy

THIS TOOK A LOT of hard, skillful work. The men who did it—Sumner Welles, Oswaldo Aranha of Brazil, Padilla of Mexico and others—didn't just sit back and say they had faith that things would come out all right. They didn't merely sit around at cocktail parties. They went out as Christ did and sat in all-night conferences and wore out their nerves trying to hammer home the religion of peace. And, most important of all, they mobilized public opinion against war.

Another dispute which General Pershing tried to settle was the Tacna-Arica row between Chile and Peru. It dragged on until armies were lined up on both sides ready to invade. Finally Carlos Davila, a practical Chilean doplomat, persuaded both sides to resume diplomatic relations and go about the normal business of trade and cultural intercourse for a couple of years. During that period, the people of both countries discovered what good friends they could be and there hasn't been any trouble since.

In other words, if the people of one country like and understand the people of another, no government or dictator or clique of generals can push them into war.

Soviet Fears Democracy

THAT BRINGS US back to the all-important problem of Russia, which our military men frankly classify as a serious potential enemy. Basically, however, there should be no quarrel between the Russian and American people. We have no territory to argue over, and nothing to quarrel about.

I, personally, can't get enthusiastic over the Russian rulers, who once threw me into a Siberian jail. But with the Russian people I could always get along and every American soldier or visitor to Russia who has mingled with them will say the same. As General Eisenhower says, the Russian people are very much like us.

However, if the Russian people are fed by a controlled press and radio only what their politburo wants them to know about us, then the problem becomes more difficult. And if any large segment of Americans should listen to the distorted raging of the Chicago Tribune, then the situation would become more complicated on this side. Unfortunately, our State Department played into the politburo's hands for 17 long years by boycotting Russia and saying they were a pariah nation not fit to touch.

During that 17-year boycott, the State Department was afraid of the spread of communism. Now the situation is reversed. Believe it or not, the boys in the Kremlin are now much more afraid of the spread of democracy than we are of communism. They are adopting exactly the same system toward us that for 17 foolish years the State Department adopted toward them.

They don't want their people to mix with ours, they don't want American newspapermen or preachers to circulate over there. They don't even like children of the Russian Embassy in Washington going to our schools. Because they have seen that whenever a good Russian Communist stays long in this country he comes to realize that we have a pretty good system and he becomes ruined for keeps as a Communist.

25,000 Russian Students

THIS MAKES the problem difficult but not insoluble. After all, use of the atom up until a short time ago was considered insoluble.

The solution, as I see it, is to go over the heads of the Soviet isolationists and win over the Russian people. If the Russian people are on our side and know they have nothing to worry about from us, then we take the wind right out of the sails of the politburo.

If, for instance, Jimmy Byrnes should insist in Moscow that before we share the atom secret, before we extend any credits to Russia, we must make sure that the Russian and American people understand and know each other; if he should require that 25,000 Russian students come to the USA at our expense to study and see that we have no designs on the Russian people; if he should require that 25,000 American students go to Russia and study Russian customs and language; if he should require that fair-minded American newspapermen have the right to travel in Russia; if he should require that American scientists be able to mingle freely with Russian scientists; then I am convinced that we could break down suspicion and work out a friendship which would stump the brass hats of both nations.

The boys in the Soviet politburo, of course, won't have to do this. They are much more afraid of democracy than even the Chicago Tribune is of communism. But a Secretary of State who is both wise, friendly and tough can do it. And by doing it, the side-problems of Iran, Turkey and the Balkans will solve themselves. An enlightened and more democratic Russian people, their suspicions allayed, eventually will force the politburo to behave differently toward their neighbors.

Of course, I may be crazy and a chronic liar, but anway this is my small Christmas contribution to the goal of a warless world which I am convinced is quite possible of attainment.

Death Decree Appeal Filed In Rape Case

The 232-page record of the trial of Jack Lester Barnes, 24, Negro, of Norfolk, sentenced to hang for the rape of a 53-year-old white woman on the Washington-bound Norfolk steamboat, has been filed with the Maryland Court of Appeals, Attorney Jerrold Powers said yesterday.

No date has been set for appeal arguments.

Powers and John F. Lillard were the court-appointed defense counsel for Barnes.

The case was tried in Prince Georges County Circuit Court after Powers and Lillard unsuccessfully challenged the right of Maryland to try the case.

They cited a 1785 compact between Maryland and Virginia giving each State the right to try its own citizens for crimes committed on the Potomac River.

State's Attorney A. Gwynn Bowie's argument that this section of the compact has been outdated was upheld by Judges Charles C. Marbury and John B. Gray, jr.

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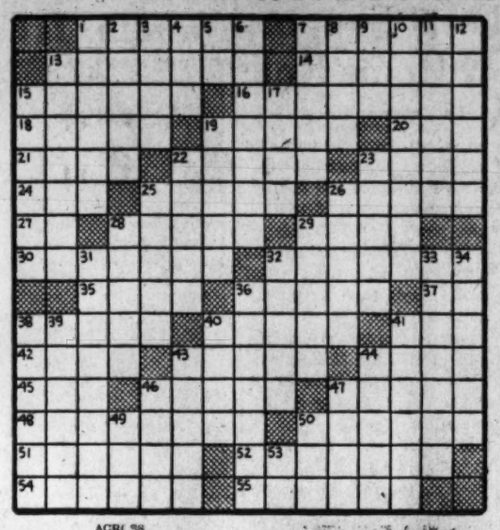

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23 Strives
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36 Aquatic bird
38 Vessels
39 Wig
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47 Parent
49 Groove
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O'Connor Due Here on Polio Survey Tour

Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, will arrive in Washington on January 6 for a two-day stop on his survey tour of local chapters in ten States.

The tour is taken each year preceding the March of Dimes campaign, and will begin in Newark, N. J., on January 2. It will include the following cities:

Atlanta, Ga.; Washington; Boston, Mass.; Austin, Tex.; Chicago, Ill.; Rockford, Ill.; Cincinnati, Ohio; Charleston, W. Va.; Hartford Ill.; Detroit, Mich.; Syracuse, N. Y. and Albany, N. Y.

Because the mounting tempo of the fight against poliomyelities has increased demands on the Foundation, O'Connor predicted that this campaign would be the greatest in history.

He said that more than five million dollars was disbursed by local chapters in 1945, in addition to $1,500,000 sent by the Foundation to chapters in 35 States for emergency aid. An appropriation of $1,267,600 was used to train physical therapists, he said.

The forthcoming March of Dimes, from January 14 to 31st, will be dedicated to the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt. It will be climaxed with a special broadcast by President Truman on January 30.

British Loan Bond Issue Is Suggested

By the Associated Press

Senator Johnson (D., Colo.) suggested yesterday that the proposed loan to Britain be financed by a special bond issue, which he said would serve as a popular referendum.

Under Johnson's plan, the bondholders rather than the United States Treasury would bear the loss if the British should default.

The bonds would be offered to the American public by the United States Government and the interest rate would be "exactly what Britain pays." The people who buy the bonds, Johnson told reporters, would "take whatever risk there is and accept whatever payment Britain makes."

If the American people approve the loan, Johnson said, they should prove willing to buy the bonds, and "if the American people don't want it, then the Government ought not to underwrite it."

Johnson said he intends to push his plan as an amendment to legislation authorizing the British loan when it comes up at the next session of Congress, but he has not yet worked out all the details.

He added that Representative Mundt (R., S. Dak.) and some other House members were working on a similar plan independent of his proposal.

Name Plates for Streets

Houston, Tex.—Signs of reconversion:

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War Uncovers New Proof of Ancient Life

By the United Press

The war cramped scientific expeditions, but excavations for airfields and bomb craters yielded new proof of ancient life through unexpected discoveries of caves, buried temples and cities, the National Geographic Society reported last night.

The design of an ancient Celtic wood temple, probably built between 500 and 300 B. C., was revealed by digging for airfields in England. Examination of bomb craters in Canterbury, England, disclosed evidence of an ancient city built there soon after the Roman conquest in 43 A. D.

The extension of Gibraltar's underground defense system opened up a cave where fossils of antlers, jaws, sets of teeth and vertebrae were found.

Soviets Find Ancient City

Also in 1945 Russia reported finding ancient settlements between 25,000 and 100,000 years old, and a new island in the Laptev Sea off northern Siberia was charted. Soviet scientists dug up fossil remains of a giant whose skull measured 33 inches in circumference and whose shin bone was 33 inches long.

The University of Chicago reported finding a town built on 16 different levels 250 miles from Baghdad. The towns were built one above the other and beneath all was evidence of ancient nomadic life.

A pre-Bronze Age settlement was discovered near Haifa while the site of Beth-Yerah on the Sea of Galilee yielded ruins of pre-Christian periods.

Expedition to Southern Mexico

An ancient city of eight large mounds was discovered by an expedition to southern Mexico. This discovery, by the seventh National Geographic Society-Smithsonian Institution expedition, indicated a migration from the Gulf coast of Olmec culture which antedated Ayan civilization.

British explorers flying over north polar regions located the North magnetic pole in the center of the Sverdrup Islands group, 530 miles nearer the geographic pole than the Boothia Peninsula, the long accepted location.

The first total eclipse visible in the United States since 1932 also was witnessed this year.

Woman Scientist In Chungking

Miss Agnes Crawford Baldwin of 4607 Norwich rd., College Park, former bacteriologist at the Beltsville Research Center, has arrived in Chungking to participate in UNRRA's expanding relief program in China, friends here learned yesterday.

This is her second foreign assignment for UNRRA, having served as laboratory technician in Cairo, Eypt.

Recruiting Station Open in Alexandria

An Army recruiting substation to the Washington central office has been established in Alexandria on the second floor of the postoffice and customs house, 200 S. Washingto st. It is expected to be in operation during business hours every day through the present drive for enlistments, which may continue through June.

Canned Food Drive Continues

Greenbelt, Md., women will continue their collection of canned foods for European countries, under the sponsorship of the American Friends Service Committee.

The committee is also engaged in the collection and repairing of clothes under the same plan. Clothes may be left at the homes of Mrs. Delbert Messner, 2-N Gardenway; Mrs. Waldo Mott, 7 Woodlandway, and Mrs. Ben Posner, 1-A Westway. The women meet weekly to repair the clothes.

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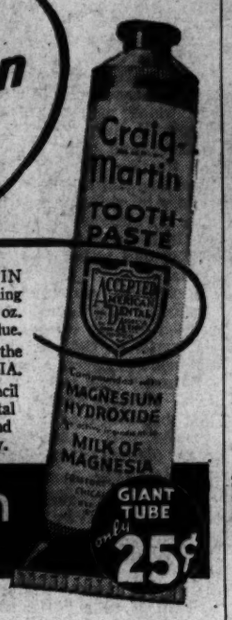

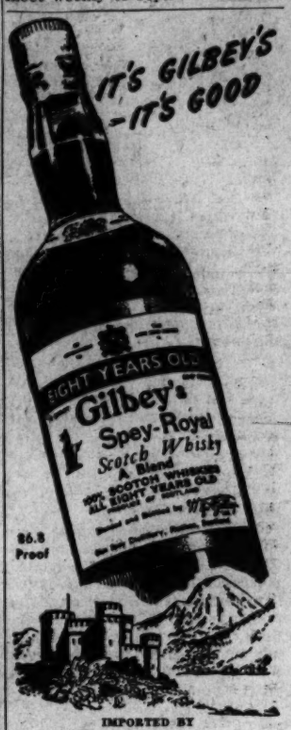

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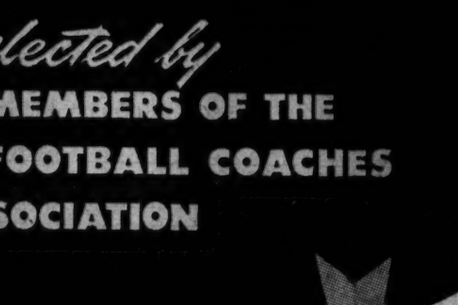

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THE TRAGEDY OF GREECE. Locked hopelessly in deadly civil war, Communists fight Royalists and Greece lives in fear, hatreds, terrorism. EUROPE'S MOST FRIGHTENED COUNTRY by Ernest O. Hauser.

IT'S TOUGH TO STAY MARRIED. The romance of a smart girl who married one man three times to discover what real love is about. WILL YOU MARRY ME AGAIN? by Edward L. McKenna.

MILITARY SETBACKS, political intrigue and a notorious assassination were some of the things that troubled General "Ike" and the Allied High Command during the early days of the African Campaign. MY THREE YEARS WITH EISENHOWER, by Capt. Harry C. Butcher, USNR.

THERE'S EXCITING READING FOR EVERYONE IN THE SATURDAY EVENING POST

Wage-Fixing Policy

By Ernest Lindley

Ability To Pay

SOME BUSINESS executives and economists are now promoting the thesis that ability to pay should not be considered in fixing wages—indeed, that the introduction of this factor is a threat to the whole capitalist system. This attitude will be astonishing to anyone whose working experience goes back to the depression of the early 'thirties.

Lindley

There were wage and salary cuts galore then. The reason usually given by the employer was that he could no longer afford to pay wages and salaries at the previous rates. And usually the employer was telling the truth. In many cases he lost money anyway and in many a wage or salary cut did not save the worker from eventual unemployment.

ORGANIZED LABOR fought wage cuts, in some instances with success. Many spokesmen for business argued that in taking this position, organized labor was hurting its own members as well as the Nation generally—that the road back to prosperity was to reduce wage rates to levels that employers could "afford" to pay. The proportion of our working population which was organized into unions was much smaller than it is now. Most workers took their cuts without a protest. They had no alternative and felt themselves lucky if they could keep off the bread or apple lines.

"Ability to pay" not only is not a revolutionary factor in wage-making. It is not even a new factor. One might say that it is a factor which in some degree is always present. In bad times, employers stress it; in good times, employes stress it.

It does not follow that "ability to pay" should be the sole consideration. Labor is not entitled to a wage increase that a union may ask simply because an employer at that particular time may be able to pay it without losing money. Obviously, capital must have a chance to earn a return. The prospective or possible return must be high enough to seem to justify the risk.

The argument that wages must be increased in every instance that an employer can afford to pay them, or to the full extent of his ability to pay them would, if recognized, be inimical to the whole system of private enterprise. This argument ignores also the general public's interest—which is labor's interest also—in getting better goods for less money. The lowering of prices spreads the benefits more widely.

In the General Motors case, to take an example, the thesis that basic wage rates must be increased 30 per cent if it can be shown that the company can pay the increase without raising the prices of its products is untenable. But the diametrically opposite thesis that "ability to pay" should not be considered is also untenable.

THE INSTRUCTIONS to the Government's fact-finding boards specify ability to pay as a factor to be taken into account. They do not say that this factor is to be controlling. Employers cannot reasonably object to the examination of their books if, as has been promised, they will be protected against the publication of information which might injure their competitive position. Other Government agencies examine their books.

It is certainly to be hoped that the Government's fact-finding boards will keep in mind the public's interest in lower prices and the preservation of sufficient incentives for risk capital. But the cry that recognition of "ability to pay" in wage-making is revolutionary and dangerous has so little footing in fact as to make one wonder why it has been raised.

Off the Record

By Ed Reed

"But it can't be a year round job, Finley—you'll have to transfer to ladies' undies!"

LEONARD LYONS
Broadway Gazette

New York, Dec. 25.

POLITICS: After 12 years in the mayoralty and a long stretch in Congress, Fiorello LaGuardia confesses that he's looking forward with relief to his retirement from public service. "The ideal public servant," said LaGuardia, "would be Mahatma Gandhi. All he owns is a sheet, and no one wants to take it from him."

Fiorello LaGuardia

THEATER NOTE: Two of Broadway's current hits, "Oklahoma!" and "Carousel," were staged for the Theater Guild by Rouben Mamoulian. There were other productions the Theater Guild wanted him to stage before these, but Mamoulian turned them down. He didn't want to risk the reputation he earned directing "Porgy & Bess" . . . One day Lawrence Langner and Theresa Helburn, of the Guild, invited Mamoulian to Westport to discuss a new show. When he returned from the conference Mamoulian sent them a bill—Travelling expenses to and from Westport, $8.20. Professional advice, $5000." Then he added: "In view of our previous close association, please disregard the first item."

TRAVEL NOTE: Bishop Sheil is leaving for Europe to make a study of moral delinquency for the President, the State Department and the War Department. Before the bishop left he told Walter Reuther that he would join with Eleanor Roosevelt in heading a committee which now is being organized, to aid the families of the General Motors strikers.

SOCIAL NOTE: When Billy Rose was in London this month he was taken to some bottle clubs, most of which are subterfuges to get around the curfew and blue-nose laws. Rose's host insisted that no subterfuge was involved—that these were legitimate membership clubs. The producer made his own test. When he was leaving a club, the manager gave him an application blank. Rose filled it out: Name, "Gyp the Blood." Occupation, "Confidence Man." Residence, "Sing Sing." Social References: "Lefty Louis, Legs Diamond" . . . The manager read the application, said: "That's fine, sir," and marked it "Approved for Membership."

PERSONALS: The Hollywood gossip columns have been linking Victor Mature's name with a series of young film actresses. Mature always has been astute about this kind of publicity and its reaction on his fan clubs. When Mature was a matinee idol in New York, appearing in "Lady In the Dark," he married Martha Stephenson Kemp. Before the wedding, however, Mature took a private poll among the autograph hunters who waited at the stage door. Of each one he'd inquire: "Tell me frankly—would it make any difference to you if I married Martha Kemp?"

LOCAL NEWS: Crockett Johnson, creator and author of "Barnaby," is retiring from the cartoon field to write books. "Barnaby" will be continued by an artist and writer he'll select . . . This week's issue of Collier's will have a message from Pope Pius XII, transmitted through Archbishop Spellman, describing a program for permanent peace . . . Harry and Jennie Grossinger will take possession of the Pancoast Hotel in Miami Beach today . . . Ed Wynn will return to radio for Texaco . . . The editors of Time, fully realizing that the discovery of the atomic bomb was the most important event of the year, wanted to name one of the scientists as Man of the Year. But a different choice had to be made, because no scientist could be singled out, and it's impossible to determine whose contribution was greatest.

BUSINESS DEPT.: David Dubinsky, now in Florida for a union meeting, watched two men whispering in a corner. "What do you think they're doing—talking politics or telling dirty stories?" Dubinsky was asked . . . . "It's hard to say," said the veteran union leader and politician. "In both cases the facial expressions are the same."

SPORTS DEPT: When the United Auto Workers first were organized, under Homer Martin—who was a sports and exercise fiend—a meeting was called in Detroit between John L. Lewis, Phil Murray and Mr. Martin. Lewis and Murray arrived at the appointed place, at the appointed hour, but Martin wasn't there. His attorney finally appeared, and Mr. Murray greeted him: "Can it be that our international president is bolting?" . . . "Not bolting," the lawyer accurately reported. "Bowling."

The Gallup Poll

Military Merger Still Favored But Foes of Plan Increase

By George Gallup

Director of American Institute of Public Opinion

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 25.—The proposal to merge the armed forces appeals to a majority of Americans who have followed the discussions about unification.

But the latest survey on the issue shows an increase in the number opposing the merger. In early November, the vote in opposition was 23 per cent. Today it stands at 34 per cent.

Virtually every one of any rank in the armed services has been called upon to express his opinion of unification. Last Wednesday, President Truman asked Congress to provide for unification of the forces under one defense department headed by a Cabinet officer.

In measuring public sentiment on the issue, the Institute had field reporters ask:

Will you tell me what your understanding is of the term "unified command" for the armed forces of the United States?"

In November, 32 per cent of those questioned gave a satisfactorily correct reply. As a result of increased public interest stemming out of the Washington hearings (before the Truman message to Congress), 62 per cent were able to give a correct reply. These people were then asked a second question:

Do you approve or disapprove of a unified command for the armed forces of this country?

The replies, as compared with the November survey on the issue:

Vote by Education

	November	Today
Approve	64%	52%
Disapprove	23	34
No opinion	13	14

The better educated and better informed throughout the country tend to be the most in favor of the idea of merger. However, a drop-off in the proportion of those favoring the proposal is to be found among the informed voters in all education groups.

Here is the vote today and the vote in the November survey:

Informed, Approving, by Education

	November	Today
College	73%	67%
High school	64	55
Grade school or no school	57	43

Among World War II veterans included in the poll, the vote runs 53 per cent approval, 40 per cent disapproval, 7 per cent no opinion.

Radical Party Leader Seen As Candidate Against Peron

Buenos Aires, Dec. 25 (U.P.)—Political observers said today that Jose Tamborini, a Radical Party leader, was certain to be the Democratic Union presidential candidate to oppose "Strong Man" Col. Juan D. Peron in the February 24 elections.

Virtually complete returns from Radical Party internal elections held last week gave Tamborini 127 of the total 188 delegates which the Radical Party will send to the first convention of the Democratic Union to be held here Thursday, December 27.

Two Delegates Not Chosen

Two Radical delegates still remained to be chosen, and the other five were supporters of Amadeo Sabattini, the Radical Party provincial leader who has always opposed the party's joining the Democratic Union which also comprises the Communist, Socialist and Progressive Democrat parties.

For its participation in the coalition, the Radicals had been promised they would be allowed to name the presidential candidate from their own ranks. The candidate for vice president had still not been indicated, but it was said Sabattini would not accept the honor. Another Radical leader, Enrique Mosca, who holds that Democratic unity is the only possible way of defeating Peron, was considered a likely choice for this post.

Will Present Ticket

With the Democratic Union convention only two days off, leaders of the organization were planning a mass meeting to present their union platform and national ticket immediately after candidates have been chosen.

Electioneering was expected to be in full swing shortly after the year's end holidays.

Peron was scheduled to leave tomorrow night for his first political tour of the interior. The former vice president will travel by ordinary trains to Cordoba, La Rioja, Catamarca, Jujuy and other northern towns.

Peron has not yet been named the official presidential candidate of any party. Sources close to the Labor Party headquarters said the Peron tour would be of a "sounding-out" nature.

Nelson B. Bell About the Showshops

'San Antonio' Brings A Touch of Frontier Realism to the Earle

AT THIS ADVANCED POINT in its perpetual popularity, it probably would be a little too optimistic to expect anything brightly new to be injected into the pattern of the screen "Western," in any of its variant forms.

Everything conceivable, both good and evil, has at one time or another been utilized in the perennial pursuit of excitement, as it manifested itself in the old frontier days of the wild and woolly West.

Most of the familiar devices wear remarkably well. Especially if the time, trouble and money are taken to develop them into a full-dimensioned panorama typical of a rough and rugged era.

That is what has been done in the case of "San Antonio," which yesterday took its place as the Christmas week attraction on the screen at the Earle Theater.

Alexis Smith

So far as I am aware, the original screen play by Alan LeMay and W. R. Burnett lays no claim to factual content or historical accuracy. It nevertheless conveys a strong impression of both.

Dealing with the cattle wars in Texas, during the period when the rustlers had brought the ranchmen dangerously near bankruptcy and the State close to financial collapse, it takes the side of law and order and affords a dramatic exposition of what seems an authentic application of the sort of thing that gave rise to the Vigilantes.

On this sound foundation, the authors, to be sure, have erected a melodramatic structure that is a bit top-heavy with devil-may-care bravado and comic extravagances, but, in the main, the picture is of greater substance and credibility than most of its kind aimed at adult interest. The youngsters, of course, will eat it up.

The Issue Is Joined

As the action opens, Clay Hardin is plotting his return to San Antonio to finish a fight that had run him across the border into Mexico riddled with slugs from desperado six-guns. A faithful henchman's warning that the attempt will be suicidal, only serves as a spur to his determination to bring Roy Stewart, a dominant and respected power in San Antonio, to an accounting, on the basis of evidence in his possession that Stewart is the kingpin of all the thievery.

Aware of some such purpose, Mr. Stewart lays a few elaborate and futile plans of his own to keep his arch enemy below either the Rio Grande or 6 feet of Texas earth.

So Mr. Hardin bobs up in San Antone and the war really is on.

The battle of guns and wits between Hardin and Stewart, however, is not the sole preoccupation of the plot. When Hardin bounces into the stagecoach bearing Jeanne Starr to San Antonio to fulfill a theatrical engagement in Stewart's gaudy concert saloon, there is put in motion a romantic development that grows into one of the picture's major concerns.

It also becomes the source of the most far-fetched episodes in the story. So what? So, if your imagination is lively enough, truth can be stranger than fiction. Remember?

Could Be Factual

There is something vaguely in the back of the mind which suggests that much of what occurs from this point on might reasonably be based on actual incidents in the life of Wyatt Earp, whose exploits as a sheriff a little farther north in the days of the cow town were quite as fabulous as anything undertaken for the cameras by Errol Flynn, in the role of Hardin. Like Hardin in the picture, Earp led a charmed life among the "bad men" and unfailingly brought them in.

The Warner Brothers and Director David Butler have seen to it that their Lone-Star saga lacks nothing in the way of variety.

Romance, comedy, gunfights, chases, the honky-tonky shows in which Jeanne Starr is an infallible hit with both sides, and occasional interludes of comparative calm all contribute to the wide canvas of stirring events.

Flynn's Hardin is a grim and determined power on the side of justice, who conducts himself with vast restraint on most occasions and finds this repression an inestimable aid to dramatic effect. Not only is he a bitter fighter, but in the gentler intervals of the play a debonair and engaging suitor for the favor of as picturesque a figure as ever hit the Southwest, as Alexis Smith portrays her.

Miss Smith also is on the right side — although circumstances sometimes compel her to appear not to be—and has much to do with the yarn's outcome. She plays and sings the part of the touring actress rather more than acceptably and dresses it as if her every appearance were for a dinner party at Delmonico's.

A fine touch of realism would have been lent the film if Miss Smith could have found it possible to get herself mussed up some, now and again.

Strong Cast in Support

As her manager and traveling companion, S. Z. "Cuddles" Sakall and Florence Bates, respectively, make the most of the "fattest" of the comedy roles and likewise have a continuous finger in the dramatic eventuations.

Matching Flynn's performance as Hardin, Paul Kelly turns in a tight-lipped and square-jawed characterization of Roy Stewart that gives the fight-to-the-death beautiful balance and multiplied force.

Arrayed in one camp or the other are such stalwart supporting players as Victor Francen, one of the stars of the film as Stewart's oily partner and stage impresario; John Litel, Hardin's right hand in times of need; Robert Shayne, Pedro de Cordoba, Robert Barratt, as colonel of the U. S. Cavalry detachment that leaves Hardin on his own; the veteran Monte Blue, Tom Tyler, Chris-Pin Martin, Poodles Hanneford and scores more.

Not the least of "San Antonio's" assets is the vivid uses it has made of Technicolor. Even if the picture otherwise ever grew static, it still would be a lively exhibit of everything the spectrum has to offer.

Falling only eight minutes short of two hours in running time, the major feature leaves scant room for short screen subjects on the Earle's new bill.

An amusing cartoon comedy, "Sunbonnet Blue," and the picturized news events are the only auxiliaries needed to round out a progrom that was never designed to be a soporific.

Wooden Bridge Razed

Newfane, Vt.—Because of high maintenance costs, the old wooden bridge in this village was torn down recently. Built in 1841, it had served travelers for more than a century.

Show Time

STAGE

National—"The Joyous Season," at 2:30 and 8:30 p. m.

SCREEN

Capitol—"Blithe Spirit," at 11:15 a. m., 2, 4:40, 7:10 and 9:55 p. m. Stage shows at 1:15, 3:55, 6:30 and 9:10 p. m.

Palace—"Fallen Angel," at 12, 2:25, 4:50, 7:10 and 9:35 p. m.

Earle—"San Antonio," at 10:45 a. m., 12:55, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30 and 9:45 p. m.

Metropolitan—"Snafu," at 11:40 a. m., 1:40, 3:40, 5:40, 7:40 and 9:45 p. m.

Ambassador—"San Antonio," at 1, 3, 5:15, 7:20 and 9:35 p. m.

Columbia—"Captain Kidd," at 11:45 a. m., 1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45 and 9:45 p. m.

Keith's—"Bells of St. Mary's," at 8:45 and 10:55 a. m., 1:10, 3:25, 5:35, 7:50 and 10 p. m.

Pix—"Gangs of the Waterfront," at 2:10, 4:20, 6:25, 8:35 and 10:30 p. m. "Alcatraz," at 3:05, 5:15, 7:20 and 9:30 p. m.

Little—"Bewitched," at 11:30 a. m., 1:15, 3, 4:40, 6:25, 8:05 and 9:55 p. m.

Hippodrome—"Human Beast," at 2:20, 5:20 and 8:25 p. m. "Amphytrion," at 3:35, 6:40 and 9:42 p. m.

Boy, 3, Beats Death Out Of 2 Hours of Christmas

Los Angeles, Dec. 25 (AP).—Marvie Clark, 3, died today—but he had outlived by two hours and 55 minutes his physicians' prediction that he would not be alive on Christmas Day.

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KNOW YOUR HEADACHE. Do you know there are more than 30 different causes . . . that large doses of headache remedies can actually *produce* one? A doctor tells why correct diagnosis is vital and why patent medicine "cures" may be worse than the disease.

FAITH FOR TODAY. Ordinary men and women, by carrying their faith into everyday affairs, are not only bringing others back to religion but are helping *themselves* to lead richer, fuller lives. Read Dr. Peale's answer to the disillusionment and spiritual confusion of our age.

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Before Fact Finding

The work of several fact-finding boards looking into labor disputes in major industries is proving to be a most useful experiment. It is a matter of good fortune that such boards were appointed in advance of enactment of legislation on the settlement of industrial disputes, for the results of their efforts will now be available for Congress to study. If Congress is alive to its responsibility in the matter it may thus keep fact-finding boards of the future free from some of the difficulties that are besetting the boards now at work.

It is no secret that the most formidable handicap under which these boards are now working is the scarcity of pertinent facts available to them. Nor is that wholly due to the reluctance of companies to open their books to the boards. If General Motors Corporation is prevailed upon to give the fact-finders access to its books, weeks or months may be required to dig out the essential data. Quite a different situation is present in the railway industry, where the fact-finding process is employed under the terms of the Railway Labor Act. The railroads are required to file extensive information with the Interstate Commerce Commission. They also operate under an employe classification system. Consequently, the negotiators go into their initial conferences well armed with all the relevant facts on which the wage agreement should be based.

The impossibility of quickly uncovering all the necessary facts in the steel industry, which includes more than 80 companies, is readily apparent. No board can be expected to come forth with a ready answer to wage controversies unless the facts have been previously assembled and are reasonably well known to the negotiators. No doubt this is the chief reason why the fact-finding boards in the automobile and oil industry disputes have given the respective parties additional time to proceed with their negotiations. The boards are serving as prods to the disputants instead of real fact-finders.

This experience pointedly suggests that any law Congress may enact to aid the settlement of labor disputes should begin with the mediatory process rather than fact-finding. All pertinent facts should be available to the United States Conciliation Service when it undertakes to settle a dispute. Otherwise we have collective bargaining in the dark. We think it is especially important for Congress to recognize this fact before going forward with the President's request for legislation. Merely to authorize the appointment of emergency fact-finding boards, with no preliminary requirement of genuine collective bargaining, would be equivalent, as one astute observer has said, to building a beautiful roof without any foundation or walls beneath it.

Relief Cut

While Washington is enjoying the holiday season, it is especially in order to reflect upon the bleak outlook confronting citizens who draw part or all of their sustenance through the Board of Public Welfare. A 5 per cent cut in grants to these families was made on December 1 and that cut must be increased to 10 per cent on January 1. Only a supplemental appropriation of $150,000 will prevent this curtailment of what were already minimum subsistence allowances from being extended through the remaining six months of the current fiscal year.

There are two chief reasons why these reductions have become necessary. The first is the rising cost of living. The Board of Public Welfare still operates on the basis of its 1944 standard budget guide. But many items that enter into the cost of living have increased in price during the last year and a half, and that appears to be especially true of lower-bracket rents in the District. Consequently, the board has found it necessary to grant an increasingly large number of families the maximum allowance under the standard budget guide. The result has been, of course, to increase the total cost of public aid, necessitating either painful cuts in every allowance or a supplemental appropriation.

The other chief factor has been the loss of temporary and incidental employment by the recipients of various forms of public aid. It is true that jobs are still plentiful in the District. But the special type of opportunities open to aged persons, mothers of small children and school-age youngsters appear to be fewer. Consequently, a larger share of the budgets of indigent persons in these circumstances must be supplied from public funds.

We think the Commissioners, the Budget Bureau and Congress should hasten to supply the deficiency. Relief is not a heavy burden in the District. A study by the American Association of Social Workers shows that "the cost of old-age assistance per inhabitant in Los Angeles is nine times the cost in the District; in Boston six times; Chicago and St. Louis three times; New Orleans, Philadelphia and New York more than double the District cost." District outlays for general public assistance are also extremely low by comparison. The chief reason for this is said to be the relatively small number of recipients of public aid in the Capital. Certainly, then, the city should see that this relatively small number is maintained with at least a minimum standard of decency. And since the dip below minimum standards is already partly in effect, no time should be lost in setting corrective plans in operation.

Progress at Moscow

A welcome Christmas present came out of Moscow on Christmas Eve to a world hungry for something that would express the season's prayer for good will among men. It was an interim agreement among the Big Three marking the first break in the three-month-old deadlock over the peacemaking in Europe since the London meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers. As such, there is room for gratification. However, while we do not wish to look a gift horse in the mouth, we must say that the arrangement can be regarded only as the first step in the restoration of harmony among the Big Three. The main news is as yet withheld—the agreement, if any, that will save the world from an arms race in atom-bomb manufacture.

The new peacemaking arrangement is a real compromise, in that concessions have been made on both sides. On the one hand, Great Britain and the United States have now accepted the Russian contention, strongly advanced at London by Foreign Commissar Molotov, that only those nations that signed the armistice agreements with Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland be permitted to have any part in drawing up what the Moscow communique calls "the conditions" of peace with those countries. The only exception to this rule, an exception which Russia had previously agreed to, is that France is to be allowed to participate in the Italian peace discussions. This arrangement is a victory for Mr. Molotov.

On the other hand, Secretary Byrnes can find real satisfaction in the fact that Russia has now agreed to the submission of the draft peace treaties worked out by the Big Three to a general peace conference consisting of the nations—21 in all—that played an active role in the struggle against Germany. This proposal Russia had rejected at the London meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers, just as Great Britain and the United States had opposed the exclusion of France and China from the consideration of the European peace treaties.

The Moscow communique indicates that the procedural disagreements which broke up the London Conference have now been overcome. And since these procedural disagreements were themselves only the symptoms of a more profound cleavage, the fact that the present compromise was attained at all suggests the achievement of general understanding among the Big Three. If that is really the case, the next weeks should see badly needed progress in the direction of a settlement of the Iranian, the east European, the German and other problems regarding which the Big Three have been at loggerheads. But there have been so many false steps, so many disappointments, in this regard that the world will, for the time being, view the Moscow agreement with restrained enthusiasm, and wait to see just how it works out.

In particular, the world will wait to see whether the peace conference scheduled for meeting not later than May 1 proves to be a peace conference in sober fact. It was the American thesis at London that the Allies, all of them, should be given a chance at least to express their views, if not to have some say in the final terms. It will obviously be no peace conference at all if all the Big Three insist that the other nations merely be given power to rubber stamp their approval of Big Three decisions at Moscow. It is to be hoped that when the test comes the interim arrangement will live up to everything it appears to signify.

Palestine

In overriding the opposition of the Administration and giving its overwhelming approval to the Wagner-Taft resolution, Congress has done more than go on record as strongly in favor of the free entry of Jews into Palestine and the upbuilding of that country as the Jewish national home. The legislators, by their action have also given expression to their impatience with the dilatory tactics pursued by the Roosevelt and, more recently, by the Truman Administration in dealing with the Palestine problem.

As Senator Taft pointed out in Monday's debate, the resolution was no new measure. It was first introduced in 1943 and was referred to the Foreign Relations Committee, where it had the support of a large majority of the members. But action on it was postponed as a result of objections by Secretary of War Stimson and General Marshall, who said they were opposed to the resolution on military grounds. The following year, with the war situation changed, these objections were withdrawn. But this time, despite the fact that both the Democratic and Republican Party platforms included planks containing substantially the same provisions as those embodied in the Wagner-Taft resolution the objections came from the State Department. Appearing before the Foreign Relations Committee, Secretary Stettinius urged delay. He said it would be unwise to adopt the resolution because of the unfavorable bearing it might have on the general international situation. The Truman Administration's present objections to the resolution is that it will hamper the work of the 12-man Anglo-American board of inquiry which has been set up to look into both the Palestine question and the plight of the Jews of Europe.

The fact is that the Palestine problem has been investigated to death. Innumerable public and private bodies and countless individuals have looked into the matter and reported their findings. There are no end of facts. No wonder, then, that the impression left in many quarters by the Truman-Attlee decision to set up the present board of inquiry was that it was primarily a device to postpone action. Yet every minute counts if many of those European Jews who survived Hitler's gas chambers and execution squads are to be saved. Reports from the American zone telling of the failure to carry out the directives of President Truman and General Eisenhower and of a worsening of the situation in the refugee camps underline the urgency of the situation.

The passage of the Wagner-Taft resolution by an all but unanimous vote in the Senate—only Senator Connally voted in the negative—is a reminder to the Administration that time is running out. In urging the United States to use its good offices with Great Britain to live up to its obligations under the Balfour Declaration, Congress was merely restating a position and a policy that every American Administration since President Wilson's has approved, a policy which is backed by both parties and a policy which is in line with the imperative needs of the present situation.

New Cardinals

Probably more significant than the proportionate shift of strength in the College of Cardinals as between Italians and non-Italians is the shift as between Europeans and non-Europeans. Together the cardinals in North America, the West Indies, South America, Asia, Africa and Australia make considerably more than a fourth of the whole college. This appears to be a papal recognition of the fact that it is outside of Europe, devastated and demoralized, that the church must look for its greatest strength and support in the decades immediately ahead. The appointments also seem to reflect the triumph of that party within the Catholic Church which has been steadily and bitterly opposed to compromise with totalitarianism in any of its forms.

Among the Germans, Count von Galen, Bishop of Muenster, was one of the boldest and most defiant opponents of Hitler; Count Preysing, Bishop of Berlin, was also an antagonist of the Nazis, though perhaps a less conspicuous one. Among the French is Monsignor Saliege, Archbishop of Toulouse, who bitterly denounced the complicity of Vichy in the persecution of the Jews. Among the four Italians, none has been in any way identified with the Fascist regime. Two, Monsignori Micara and Raimondi, were abroad on diplomatic missions throughout most of the Mussolini regime; a third, Monsignor Bruno, was in a position that kept him wholly aloof from politics; the fourth, Monsignor Ruffini, became a bishop only after Mussolini's downfall. The Pole, Monsignor Sapieha, Archbishop of Cracow, is an ardent champion of Polish independence, and his nomination will scarcely please either the Russians or their Polish collaborators. Monsignor Mooney, of course, is remembered as the prelate who, very soon after his accession as Archbishop of Detroit, silenced the demagogic Father Coughlin.

As for the other American nominees, the appointment of Monsignor Spellman was a foregone conclusion. Indeed, for many months rumor had spoken of him as already a cardinal *in petto*. There is little doubt that today Archbishop Spellman is one of the most influential personalities in the whole Catholic Church. The nomination of Archbishop Stritch of Chicago was also to be expected; that of the aged Archbishop Glennon of St. Louis is probably as much a recognition of his great personal services to Catholicism in America as of the importance of his see.

Pope Pius XII is the first Roman Pontiff who has had first-hand knowledge of the United States and of American life. There is however, one surprise: this is that apparently neither Baltimore, which has some claim to be considered the primatial see of the United States, nor Washington, which today is certainly the most important capital of the world, was deemened of cardinalatial rank.

BELLS OF PEACE

Now let the bells of peace proclaim
The Christmas message in His name.
Ring, resurrected bells, war-ridden,
Bells from earthy caves, long hidden.
Remember bells that should be ringing,
Silenced, and no human singing
Above the ruined aisles and floors
And piles of stone that have no doors,
Or only indentations show
A cross shaped in the sand or snow.
There were bells that ceased to speak
As bells, but thundered for the weak
That are the strong, the deathless ones
Melting their chimes of bells for guns
From belfries made for singing metal
Where the white doves used to settle
When the bells were mute, or fly
Like living music in the sky.
May all good sextons' arms be strong
To pull the hempen ropes of song.
Ring out for Christ and never cease
Your Christmas message, bells of peace!

EDNA L. S. BARKER.

Washington Calling

By Marquis Childs

Record Of Congress

CONGRESS, off on a much-needed holiday, can look back on a record that is divided into two parts as separate and distinct as night and day.

On the side of foreign affairs, the record is one of considerable accomplishment. Congress deserves a gold star especially for the speed with which, after so many delays, the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation appropriation was put through. Not only was the second appropriation of $1,350,000,000 authorized, but 750 million dollars of the money was made available.

That will make it possible to initiate a program for Italy, where the need is so critical. If Congress had not taken this action, the future of Europe would have been black indeed.

To two men goes much of the credit for the last-minute speed with which the UNRRA appropriation was passed. One is Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas and the other is Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan.

In recent months, on one international issue after another, Vandenberg has shown a statesmanlike approach, devoid of any petty partisanship. During the year now ending, his stature has measurably increased. He has become in every sense of the word a leader of American foreign policy.

AS THE RANKING Republican on the Senate Atomic Committee, he has shown more boldness and initiative than most of his colleagues. Senator Vandenberg knows we have moved into a new era and he is trying hard to face the facts of that era.

Speaker Rayburn, as one of President Truman's lieutenants on Capitol Hill, worked intensively to speed the UNRRA appropriation on its way. Rayburn and the President enjoy a warm friendship. They work closely and effectively together.

The congressional score on foreign affairs includes adoption of legislation providing for American participation in the UNO and confirmation of members of the American delegation. The United States is now a full-fledged participating member of the new world league.

The score that Congress has run up on the domestic side is something else again. It is practically a goose egg, a blank.

One of the most unfortunate defeats came just at the end. By a vote of 31 to 30, with 35 Senators either not present or not voting, the Senate killed an amendment which would have extended the President's war powers for a year instead of for just six months.

Within the Administration, this was considered of first importance. If the war powers are to expire on June 30, 1946, then the few controls that still remain will begin to crumble. Those who want to go on a high, wide and handsome inflationary spree will be encouraged to think that Congress actually means for all controls to end in six months.

During the brief debate on the one-year proposal, Senators argued that before June 30 the whole question could be reconsidered. But with such a deadline in the middle of the first full year of peace, it would be extremely hard to stand up to the pressure that is certain to build up.

EVEN THOUGH the importance of the 12-month extension was impressed on Democratic Senators, six Democrats joined the Republicans to defeat the amendment. They were Bilbo of Mississippi, Byrd of Virginia, Hoey of North Carolina, McClellan of Arkansas, O'Daniel of Texas and Tydings of Maryland. These are all Southern conservatives.

It was another Southern conservative, Representative Carter Manasco of Alabama, who was chiefly responsible for diluting President Truman's full employment proposal to such a degree that it is now almost unrecognizable.

The form of the full employment bill is, of course, not yet finally determined. Conferees from House and Senate will meet on January 16 to decide whether the stronger Senate version or the weak House version will prevail.

On the United States Employment Service, on increased unemployment compensation, on issue after issue touching the economy of the Nation and everyone in it, Congress has either said no or has said yes in such a half-hearted fashion that the net result was negative. President Truman is talking back to the men who have obstructed his program. But there is no evidence that he will be able to whip them into line.

Reshaping Europe

By Sumner Welles

Policy Toward Germany Required

THE RECONSTRUCTION of Europe waits upon the adoption by the Big Four of a joint policy with respect to Germany.

Unless that policy succeeds in convincing the German people that democratic self-government is better than dictatorship, and unless it persuades them that Germany will prosper far more through peaceful commerce than through the attempted domination of her neighbors, Europe will not be secure.

Unless that policy provides adequate controls over Germany so that she can never again rearm, the foundations of a peaceful world cannot be laid.

The four major powers have occupied Germany for eight months. The present form of inter-Allied control has demonstrated its utter inefficiency. The occupation authorities have shown themselves unable to cope even with short-range problems. They are not employing the military occupation as a means of furthering the objectives sought by some constructive long-range policy. No such policy exists.

In the Soviet zone some measures have been carried out which will prove of permanent value. The division of the 7000 large Junker estates in East Prussia into more than 400,000 small farms is an example. But the primary concern of the Soviet authorities has been to strengthen the pro-Soviet elements in their zone and to remove to Russia for reconstruction requirements as much industrial equipment as possible.

THE POLICY within the British zone reflects the point of view of Downing Street. There are few signs that the British government desires to take any action which would impede the prompt reestablishment of a unified Germany.

In the French zone, on the contrary, every step is directed toward furthering the plan of the French government for the division of Germany into separate states.

In the American zone there is no indication of anything except mounting disorder and the clamor of our troops to return home.

Germany was able to rearm in the 1920s because of the failure of the major Allies to agree upon a joint policy.

Today, a full year after Germany's defeat had become imminent, no inter-Allied agreement has been reached upon a long-range German policy.

The Government of the United States has recently warned the French government that it will move to abrogate France's veto power in the Allied Control Commission at Berlin unless France withdraws her objections to American and British plans for economic and financial centralization in Germany. The French government, with Soviet approval, refuses to agree to such centralization until Germany's western frontiers have been fixed.

FRANCE demands, as a measure of indispensable security, that the Ruhr and the Rhineland be detached from the rest of Germany and be set up as an autonomous state under international control.

The French government is wholly justified in its contention. Within the past 75 years France has been three times ravaged by German aggression. In 1919, Marshal Foch demanded that Germany's western frontiers be fixed along the east bank of the Rhine. Marshal Foch was right then. The present government of France is right now.

Separatist movements in Germany are growing. The South German Action Committee is already furthering a movement for a federal democratic state composed of Bavaria, Baden and Wuerttemberg. This plan, however, envisages the inclusion of Austria. For political and economic reasons the participation of Austria in any new German federation would prove disruptive to European stability. The welfare of the Austrian people will be better assured by economic federation with the Danubian countries.

A major danger at this moment is that American public opinion may veer toward taking what it believes to be the shortest cut. That means agreeing to the immediate reestablishment of a unified Germany as the surest method of making it possible for us quickly to "pull out of Germany," and "get the boys home." German propagandists in our midst are working untiringly toward that end.

UNTIL THE German people have given convincing evidence of their regeneration, and until the peaceful people of the world have at their service a United Nations Organization which has shown itself capable of maintaining peace and of guaranteeing world order, the political decentralization of Germany offers the only solution which means safety for the rest of the world.

If our participation in world affairs is to be successful, our occupation job in Germany cannot be shortened without disastrous results to the peace of Europe and to our own authority among the nations.

We are already thinking that Germany's military might has been forever destroyed. We thought the same thing in 1919. We thought then that what happened in Germany was of no further concern to us. We are in danger of thinking the same once more.

The representations made by France have so far, unfortunately, fallen upon deaf ears.

The longer the present uncertainties continue, the longer the major powers fail to agree upon the right kind of long range policy, the more likely will it become that a united and aggressive Germany will again rise as a menace to peaceful peoples. If existing differences between the Allies continue, the more likely will it be that American public opinion will insist upon a policy of "scuttle."

A prompt decision is imperative. If the needed policy is to provide the results desired, not only France, but the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Czechoslovakia and Poland should all play a part in its determination.

Atomic Age

By Joachim Joester

Sweden's Position

A NUMBER of recent developments in Sweden may serve as a timely reminder to the Big Three, or Big Five, that in the Atomic Age the distinction between big and small powers has lost some of its meaning.

The question today no longer is how many men a given country can put in the field, but how great are its industrial resources, and how effectively they are organized. If a small or medium-sized power should be able to produce atomic bombs of its own, it would thereby immediately gain military superiority over its neighbors, big or small, that cannot.

Sweden has long been a country endowed with a military strength far greater than one would except in the case of a nation of only 6,500,000. The fact that she alone, in north-central Europe, was able to escape aggression and stay out of the war is largely, though not solely, due to this incommensurate power of attack and defense.

The advent of the Atomic Age, far from impairing Sweden's military potentialities, has greatly enhanced them. Indeed, Sweden possesses all the prerequisities for manufacturing atom bombs.

SHE HAS uranium deposits. The most important of these is located near Kvarnstorp in Noerke Province. The government already has taken steps to place these deposits under national control. A bill now pending before the Riksdag prohibits private mining and exportation of uranium.

Sweden has powerful industrial concerns, many of them of international reputation, including one of the greatest armament firms in Europe—Bofors.

She has world-famous scientists, specialized in atomic research and related matters. To name only a few of the most prominent: Prof. Manne Siegbann, Nobel Prize winner in physics (1925), who heads the Nobel Institute for Experimental Physics in Stockholm. It was Siegbahn who arranged for Dr. Liese Meitner, the German-Jewish atom expert who figured so prominently in the development of the bomb, to come to Stockholm. Ever since, Dr. Meitner has been working closely with Prof. Siegbahn under contract with the Swedish government.

Then there is Prof. The Svedberg of Uppsala, one of the world's greatest experts in molecular physics, who is a director or member of practically every physical research institute in Sweden—and there are many.

Indeed, one of the most interesting things about Sweden's approach to the atom and related defense problems is the high degree of coordination and teamwork between science and industry that was established during the war and is constantly being strengthened.

DOES SWEDEN have the "know-how" for the making of atom bombs? A few weeks ago, Professor Siegbahn was asked that question. He answered that he, or any other trained atom physicist—of whom there are many in Sweden—could make the bomb within three or four months provided the necessary equipment was available. Shortly later it was learned that the Swedish Academy of Science had granted Siegbahn a large sum for building of a new and powerful cyclotron.

The latest report out of Sweden in this matter is that the government has just set up a committee of 10 experts charged with the organization of a special institute for atomic research.

From all indications, then, Sweden right now is as busy as any great power may be in her pursuit of atomic energy. Of course, Sweden's record in international relations is such that one may assume she is interested much more in the development of atomic power for peaceful purposes than for war.

However, a statement made on December 3 by Gen. Helge Jung, commander in chief of the Swedish army, suggests that Sweden is not overlooking any uses that can be made of atomic power: "It would be unrealistic to think that we could stay out of a possible future war. On the other hand, it is by no means certain that atomic warfare will be a disadvantage to our country, which is far less vulnerable than most European nations."

If Sweden is less vulnerable to atomic attack, and well equipped for retaliation in kind, than the former disparity between "big" and "small" powers will tend to become less significant, at least in her case.

Letters To The Editor

Communications must carry writer's name and address, though pen names are permitted at the editor's discretion. Letters should be held to not more than 200 words. They are subject to condensation.

"Army Vs. Navy"

I was interested in your editorial this morning questioning the propriety of the use of officers of the military services in endeavoring to create pressure on Congress for or against the consolidation of the armed services. You also touched on the propriety of the use of Government funds for this purpose.

While you do not in your editorial deal with the rather difficult question as to the dividing line between legitimate education and improper pressure, I agree with you entirely in your point of view. That is precisely the reason why (a) the Navy has from the outset urged that the question of consolidation of the two departments be made a question not of public controversy, congressional pressure, name-calling, etc., but rather should be submitted to the calm and objective study of a group of the most capable and intelligent citizens available who can give the problem their undivided attention; (b) the Navy believes there is very substantial reason to fear the creation of a military organization dominated by one man and with such obvious potentialities for propaganda.

Your editorial was most timely and I congratulate you on it, although it hits equally at military advocacy of, and opposition to, the merger. I am also puzzled as to what safeguards you would suggest to avoid the situation you deprecate if there is an extended movement to super-departments in which differing points of view are submerged and a military point of view may be presented without equal opportunity for differing civilians to become familiar with the facts.

H. STRUVE HENSEL,
Assistant Secretary of the Navy.
Washington, Dec. 22.

"Ark And Dove"

I wish to point out that the geographical basis for Barnet Nover's editorial, "Ark and Dove," in today's *Washington Post* is incorrect. He states that Ararat is in Azerbaijan. Mount Ararat, ancient landmark of Armenia, is situated in Turkey. A town named Ararat is located in Armenia S. S. R., very near the Turkish border. But a careful perusal of the map reveals no Ararat in Azerbaijan.

Otherwise, we find no contention with Mr. Nover's remarks.

MARGARET AZNAVOURIAN.
Washington, Dec. 20.

Actions Speak Louder

On December 18 your paper reported that the Senate of the United States by resolution favored "establishment of Palestine as 'a democratic commonwealth in which all men, regardless of race or creed, shall have equal rights.'"

When? Why not now? Why must the Palestinians wait for "democracy" and self-government, until after the great powers shall have forced upon them a policy of unrestricted immigration, such as the greatest of the powers at least has no mind at all to adopt for itself?

Is there one distressed European Jew in 10 who would not rather be landed in New York than in Haifa? Is it not the business of the Senate of the United States to have a voice in saying who should land in New York.

Sympathy for the destitute and afflicted is a noble sentiment. Catching a little fellow by the scruff of the neck and making him pay for this sympathy of ours is something else again.

CHARLES L. CARHART.
Chevy Chase, Md., Dec. 18.

Propaganda

Hundreds of Washingtonians recently received copies of a pamphlet in which appears a reprint of an editorial in the *Detroit Free Press* of October 19, entitled "Government by Violence Instead of by Law." It is viciously antilabor. It purports to be "privately printed for distribution to personal friends and others in the hope that it may help us to more clearly recognize and resist the dangers that threaten to destroy everything that has made our country free and great." The "private" citizen who prints and distributes untold thousands of these pamphlets is Henry Grady Weaver, 3044 West Grand blvd., Detroit, Mich.

It is only fair that Washingtonians and other Americans know the truth. Henry Grady Weaver is not a "private" citizen at all. He is director of consumer research, General Motors Corp., listed in 1944-45 *Who's Who* as "author of numerous booklets published by General Motors Corp."

This is the same outfit which complains about the prevalence of union propaganda.

STUART J. BARNES.
Washington, Dec. 18.

Airing Congress

The proposal recently made that the speeches made by Congressmen should go via the air directly to the people seems too good to be dropped. Adopted it would arouse more interest in national affairs and international relations and give us an increased sense of our responsibility in the affairs of Government. It would be democracy in actual operation.

If this view coincides with yours may I ask you to avail yourself of the means at your disposal to do what you can to further it?

M. F. H.
Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 20.

Icy Highways Halt Virignia Bus Service

By the Associated Press

Severe winter weather created a Christmas atmosphere over the State yesterday, but made travel on streets and highways of Virginia extremely hazardous, halting the movement of buses across the State, grounding planes, and reducing to a minimum automobile travel.

In the Lynchburg, Staunton, Culpeper, Fredericksburg and Richmond districts all the highway forces in the section were called out to apply abrasives and chemicals to the roads where sleet had fallen. The sleet was turning to rain and, with the exception of a few icy spots, the roads were said to be clearing up satisfactorily.

Meanwhile, the Weather Bureau forecast for the State more of the freezing rain which fell during Christmas Eve and morning, with slowly rising temperatures and the rain continuing today.

The movement of buses out of Richmond was halted by the weather. The Greyhound lines reported that no buses, except those to Norfolk and Washington, were operating. The Trailways buses ceased altogether until the highway conditions had improved.

At the Richmond Army Air Base no Army craft was coming in or going out yesterday morning, and the Civil Aeronautics Authority reported no civilian plane service would be maintained in and out of Richmond unless weather conditions improved.

In Richmond Monday night the mercury dropped to 29, although it had risen to 33 around 9 a. m. yesterday. Sleet, which began falling on Christmas Eve, continued to fall and there was almost no automobile travel on the city streets, where ice was coated over snow which fell almost a week ago.

Christma s -season accidents pushed upward the State's traffic deaths for the year, which already exceeded the 552 killed in motor vehicle mishaps in 1944. Four Christmas Eve fatalities brought the unofficial count for 1945 to 558.

Miss Wilma Victoria Markham, 23, of Buchanan, was killed when an automobile skidded and struck a tree on Memorial ave. in Lynchburg.

John William Loving, 38, of RFD 1, Clifton Forge, walking along Route 60 east of Clifton Forge, died instantly at 7:30 p. m. Monday in an accident 3½ miles from the city.

G. G. Johnson, 62, of Route 1, Hopewell, who also was a pedestrian, died in the hospital at Hopewell Monday night of injuries suffered when struck by an automobile on Route 36 at Woodlawn a few hours earlier.

William James Phipps, 60-year-old Negro of Newport News, was killed Monday morning when thrown from his car on Route 168, 6 miles west of Camp Peary.

Rain, Sleet in Md.

Baltimore, Dec. 25 (AP).—Freezing rain and sleet was the Christmas weather fare for Maryland, but the Weather Man said it would change to rain and become warmer tonight, with light snow continuing to fall in the western part of the State.

Va. Boy With Rare Malady Too Ill For Santa Claus

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 25 (AP).—Little Dick Temple took a turn for the worse during Christmas Eve while most children were smiling in their dreams over prospects of Santa Claus' coming.

The 23-months-old lad, attendants at the Petersburg Hospital said today, has been growing steadily worse for several days. The child has the rare disease, military tuberculosis, which is usually fatal to children and has been under treatment with streptomycin for several weeks.

The hospital attendants said Dickie's father, 3/c Richard Gordon Temple, has never been able to win a gleam of recognition from his little sick son since the seaman arrived at the child's bedside a few days ago from service in the Pacific waters.

Last week the lad's mother brought a Christmas tree to his room but he never shown evidence of recognizing it as part of his Christmas and attendants said that Dickie was too ill today to know or care whether it was Christmas.

Papa 'Santa' Visits Cirminello Quads

Associated Press WIREPHOTO

NOW A YEAR OLD—The Cirminello quadruplets, first ever born by Caesarian section, seem pleased with the gifts Santa Claus, impersonated by their father, has brought them at their Philadelphia home. Left to right—Eileen, Kathleen, Michael and Maureen. Mrs. Cirminello is in rear. The quads were a year old last November 1. Both parents lived in Washington until the Government agency for which both worked moved to Philadelphia

Public Health Aid Expansion Seen in State

Charlottesville, Va., Dec. 25 (Spl.).—The primary importance of establishing local health department service in every county of Virginia is cited by State Health Commissioner I. C. Riggin in the first January issue of the University of Virginia News Letter.

While 51 of Virginia's counties benefit by local health department service, Dr. Riggin points out, another 49 do not possess it. A comprehensive plan for public health service throughout Virginia's 100 counties, to include supervision for the State's entire population, exclusive of cities in excess of 20,000, all of which have their own service, is envisioned.

Necessitated by scientific advances and especially by the public's demand for protective procedures, "this service should include not only mass measures such as immunization, veneral disease control, tuberculosis, maternal and child health, and preschool clinics, as well as home nursing and sanitation visits, but a broad educational program in both adult and school groups," the health commissioner points out.

To these activities, according to Dr. Riggin, must be added an "overall guidance" of the whole community health program. Health coverage after expansion will include 2,042,000 persons, an addition of 757,000 to the 1,285,000 now covered.

Dr. Riggin reports on present status and projected activities in the tuberculosis program, department expansional activities, veneral disease control, industrial hygiene, county health departments, public water supplies and special health problems. As planned, the Virginia health commissioner explains, the State's present two administrative health districts would be increased to four, each subdivided by local departments.

In the contemplated setup 51 dentists would be added to the local health departments, an innovation since previously dentists have not been assigned. Other local health officers would be a medical health officer, sanitation officer and public health nurse.

He Helped 'Em In, Now Helps 'Em Out

Fort George G. Meade, Md., Dec. 25. (AP).—Kenneth W. Whiting helped get men into the armed services, now he's helping to get them out because "if I can help them get home one day sooner it will be well worth while."

Whiting, 45, works five days a week as assistant department manager for a steamship line in Baltimore, then comes to Fort Meade on Saturdays and Sundays to help—without pay—alleviate a serious clerical shortage at the post separation center.

He was too young for World War 1, and was considered too old for World War II, but when the draft began he volunteered as an unpaid clerk in the Baltimore induction station, helping send men off to battle.

Orders Swamp Steel Makers, Threatened by January Strike

New York, Dec. 26 (AP).—Some steel mills are literally snowed under by new orders resulting from customers' fears of a January steel strike, the Iron Age, national metalworking paper, said today. Such incoming business was reported running 10 to 100 per cent ahead of shipments, before holiday curtailment.

Material shortages continued as a problem for the industry, the magazine reported, with Carnegie-Illinois forced to curtail its operations in the Chicago district by more than 10 per cent below schedule grade, and most companies scouring the country for iron and steel scrap.

"Deliveries on practically all steel products are even more extended than they were a month ago," the Iron Age said.

Noting that railroads are beginning to release orders for passenger-car equipment, the paper said, "from the volume of inquiries now out and those to come, car builders will probably find 1946 one of the busiest years in their history. Whether or not they will obtain the necessary steel remains to be seen, especially in view of the present tightness among products most frequently used for car construction."

Steel ingot output for the country this week was estimated at 67.5 per cent, down 12½ from last week's revised rate of 80 per cent. Weather conditions and material shortages were listed as factors making it difficult to regain recent 82 per cent levels.

"Severe winter weather conditions," the Iron Age said, "have brought to light the fact that inventories of scrap and coal in the industry are dangerously low. As a direct result of the coal strike in October, steel companies were unable to establish sufficient stockpiles as an insurance against severe weather.

"The decline in coal stocks with its consequent reduction in the output of coke or blast furnaces has reduced the flow of steel making iron to a point far below requirements."

The magazine reported "consistent reports from reliable sources that OPA may soon revise steel extra allowances."

"These charges which are in addition to the base price cover special costs for physical and chemical characteristics," the paper said, "It is believed in the trade that substantial advances will be made in some extras to bring them in line with actual costs incurred by the mills to carry out customer requirements."

Va. Textile Union Protests Village Rent Increases

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 25 (AP).—Rent increases from 95 cents to $3.50 per week in the local textile village are being protested by Local 549, Textile Workers Union of America, who have organized the Tenants Protective Association of Lynchburg.

An organization meeting held Sunday night was also attended by other residents of Lynchburg, besides the textile workers, who protested similar rises in their rents recently. Real estate interests who have recently purchased the consolidated village, attended and explained their position on the increases.

Members of the new organization passed a resolution authorizing a steering committee to draw up a resolution requesting the Office of Price Administration to send an investigator to Lynchburg to investigate the situation.

Physician Gives 43 Dozen Pairs of Nylons for Yule

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 25 (AP).—Nylon stockings occupied places of honor under Christmas trees in 516 Charlotte homes today.

All nurses and other women employes of Memorial Hospital received one pair of the prized hose—gift of a Charlotte physician. He distributed 43 dozen pairs to as many fortunate females.

To avoid a possible mob scene his identity is mercifully being withheld.

How did he get the stockings? Professional secret.

Autopsy Reveals Woman Strangled, Severely Beaten

Baltimore, Dec. 25 (U.P.).—An autopsy revealed that 27-year-old Mrs. Dorothy Davis, found dead yesterday in her apartment here, died of strangulation, Dr. Robert Lee Graham, city medical examiner, said today.

Mrs. Davis' jaw was broken and her throat severely mauled from ear to ear, he said. The pool of blood which surrounded her body was caused by hemorrhages from deep cuts and wounds in the mouth.

Her mother, Mrs. Clinton Smith of Brooklyn, Md., who found the body, said that a man had threatened her daughter.

Police are trying to reach the dead woman's husband, Wilbur Davis of Alexandria, La., to notify him of the tragedy.

Dr. Graham said that Mrs. Davis had been dead less than 24 hours when her body was discovered.

Rites Set Tomorrow For Judge Constable

Elkton, Md., Dec. 25 (AP).—Funeral services for Associate Judge Albert Constable IV, of the second judicial circuit, who died in Philadelphia yesterday, will be held here Thursday.

Judge Constable, who at 38, was one of the youngest judges in Maryland, had been in ill health for six months.

The son of the late Chief Judge Albert Constable of the second judicial circuit, he was born in Elkton on May 2, 1907. He was graduated from Randolph Macon College and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute before taking his law degree at the University of Maryland.

Full Operation Of State Parks Due Next Year

Richmond, Va., Dec. 25 (AP).—Randolph Odell, director of State Parks and Conservation Commission, disclosed today that the full recreational facilities of the park system will be operative during the 1946 season for the first time since 1942.

War conditions—including personnel shortages and gasoline rationing—crippled the State parks' normal operations critically in 1943 and 1944, and they functioned only in part last summer.

Record Season Seen

Park officials, on the basis of last week's receipt of applications, which outnumbered accommodations by about four to one, as well as the pent-up tourist vacationing, expect a record season for the State's parks in 1946. Attendance at the recreational areas is expected to surpass the peacetime peak of 400,000 visitors tallied in 1941.

The six parks—Westmoreland, Hungry Mother, Douthat, Fairystone, Staunton River and Seashore—have cabins and lodges capable of accommodating some 300 or more persons. In addition there are extensive trailer and camping areas.

Budget requests for the new biennium include funds to build some 27 more cabins, but action must await the 1946 General Assembly before erection of these can be undertaken.

Park officials believe that with peacetime reconversion the State could double the present park facilities and still have them filled to capacity. Requests for additional State parks already have come from residents of Harrisonburg and Lynchburg for parks near their communities. A park also has been proposed for northern Virginia, east of the Blue Ridge.

In addition to the six parks the commission operates three recreational areas with extensive facilities but no overnight accommodations. These are located at Bear Creek in Cumberland County, Holiday Lake in Appomattox and Goodwin in Prince Edward County.

Applications already are coming in to the commission's offices but no applications will be acted on until March 1, officials point out. The season is expected to open on the prewar schedule of May 15 for cabins, with various concessions in the parks to open on Memorial Day.

Judge Almond Quits To Run for Congress

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 25 (AP).—J. Lindsay Almond, jr., has submitted to Governor Darden his resignation as judge of the Hustings Court for Roanoke City, effective midnight, December 31, in order to campaign for the Sixth District House of Representatives seat to be filled in a special election January 22. He is the Democratic nominee for the seat to be vacated by Rep. Clifton A. Woodrum and will be opposed in the election by eGorge A. Revercomb, jr., Republican of Covington.

C. Carr Hyatt Burial Today; Ex-Legislator

Richlands, Va., Dec. 25 (AP).—Funeral services for Campbell Carr Hyatt, 65, retired businessman and former member of the State Legislature, who died last night in a local hospital, will be conducted at 10 a. m. tomorrow from the Richlands Methodist Church by the Rev. Tom Carrigher, pastor. Burial will be in the Graham family cemetery in Wythe County.

A former president of the First National Bank of Norton, Hyatt came in 1913 to Richlands where he had purchased the Richlands Brick Corp. He operated this concern until his retirement in 1930 when it was leased to the General Shale Corp. of Johnson City, Tenn., of which he became a director.

Hyatt served in the House of Delegates in 1920-22 and in the State Senate in 1922-26, and for several terms on the Richlands Town Council. He was a Mason, a member of the Richlands Methodist Church and a director of Southwest Virginia, Inc., Wytheville.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Mary Belle Robinson of Wytheville, three daughters, two sons, four brothers and a sister.

Seamen Play Santa Aboard Ship for 25 Md. Orphans

Baltimore, Dec. 25 (AP).—L. S. T. 601 lists playing Santa Claus among it sofficial operations now—last year they entertained Italian children at Palmero, Sicily, and today crewmen gave a Christmas party for children from St. Leo's Orphanage in Baltimore.

About 25 youngsters strewed the decks wit hcracked nuts and Christmas wrappings and nobody could say who had the most fun, the children or the crew.

Seaman 3/c B. D. Carlson in the galley in charge of the dinner, which centered on turkey and ice-cream.

When the older boys started looking for the captain of the ship, Lieut. A. C. Boyett, who was ashore on leave, all the officers promoted themselves to captain.

Gary Burns, 4, honorary Christmas member of the crew, was presented two decorations, and a stuffed elephant on the side.

Ex-German Rabbi To Speak Tonight

Rabbi Leo Baeck, former B'nai president in Germany, will speak at a joint meeting of B5nai B'rith and the Brandeis Zionist District at the Jewish Community Center, 16th and Q sts., tonight at 8 p. m.

Rabbi Baeck, who was also former president of the Union of German Rabbis, spent three years at a Nazi concentration camp in Czechoslovakia and was released by the American Army. He is now honorary chairman of B'nai B'rith's European Aid Council.

The Federal Diary

By Jerry Kluttz

Surplus Property Setup To Be Thoroughly Revised

A thorough-going revamping of the Government's farflung surplus property operations is in the making. It will start next week, when Lieut. Gen. Edmund B. Gregory, the Quartermaster General, takes over the chairmanship of the War Assets Corporation. To follow, according to the present plans, will be: (1) the creation of War Assets as an independent agency to function directly under the President and at his direction; (2) the merger of the Surplus Property Administration with the War Assets Corporation, which would make Gregory responsible for both policy and sales; and (3) the unification of all surplus operations now scattered over a dozen or more agencies directly under and responsible to War Assets.

KLUTTZ

Briefly, the general plan is to make one man responsible for all phases of surplus properties and that man is to be General Gregory, who purchased 35 million dollars worth of food and clothing for the Army during the war and who will be called on to sell perhaps three times that amount in surplus war goods at bargain prices.

Unification of disposal activities has been demanded on many fronts. The Mead War Investigating Committee and W. Stuart Symington, the Surplus Property administrator, have spoken out for it. And from reliable reports, President Truman is for unification, too.

The President is said to be concerned that a surplus scandal will break out similar to that after World War I unless authority over surplus is centralized and responsibility clearly defined. This is why Gregory will report to and work directly under the President.

War Assets is to be set up on January 1 as a subsidiary of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and it will take over RFC's surplus work, which is about 90 per cent of the Government's total. The President is expected to use the authority givn him only a few days ago by Congress in the Government reorganization bill to divorce War Assets from RFC and to make it an independent agency. The RFC board of directors will be happy when this happens as it—like just about every other Federal agency—wants to stay clear of the surplus headache. Over its protest, the disposal of consumer goods was recently transferred to RFC from the Commerce Department which was foisted on it a few months earlier by the Treasury Department.

The appointment of Gregory is the tip-off that the Government is to lose another able career man. The RFC board had planned to appoint one of its number, Sam H. Husbands, as chairman of War Assets. However, it is reported reliably that Husbands, who worked up to the RFC board from an auditor's job, has submitted his resignation, and that he'll accept one of the many well-paid offers he has received from private industry.

George Buskie, vice chairman and executive officer-to-be of War Assets, has strong backing to succeed Husbands. It is also reported that George Fisher, jr., of Detroit, Mich., another board member, has submitted his resignation to the President. Fisher is a Republican; Husbands is a Democrat.

Symington appears to be a good bet to be appointed Federal Loan administrator, a position which will put him in charge of RFC. However, one weekend rumor had him the key man of a switch-play which would make him director of Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion and the transfer of John Snyder, present director, back to the Federal Loan job.

Symington is said to have suggested that he be appointed the loan head so he would have the authority and responsibility over surplus sales. He's in the peculiar position of laying down policy for the disposal agencies and he's the first to be blamed for any mistakes, yet he has no authority over the operations of those agencies. For a time, it is reported, Symington opposed the suggestions that War Assets be made an independent agency and apparently he had hoped to control both RFC and surplus operations from the Federal Loan post.

Gregory can be expected to bring into war assets the best merchandising men he can find and to give them the authority to sell—and to sell quickly. He has followed this pattern, in a somewhat different manner, as quartermaster general. He brought into his office some of the Nation's outstanding experts on food, clothing, oil, etc., and he assigned an Army officer to work with each of them. He's a staunch believer in decentralized authority and operations, and he backs up the decisions of his subordinates or else he gets rid of them.

When the President was chairman of the Truman Committee (now the Mead Committee) he looked into the activities of the quartermaster general. He must have been favorably impressed.

Modern 'Magic Carpet'

Chicago. — Sayed Hafidh Al-Kadi, Shiek of ancient Bagdad, explained while visiting Chicago that his modern "Magic Carpet" has four motors and is capable of flying several hundred miles an hour.

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Land consists of a lot 200 x 220 feet, at the 2500 block of 16th Street at Euclid Street in Northwest Washington, D. C. Also an adjoining parking lot 100 x 140 feet.

Improvements consist of an 8-story fireproof hotel dormitory with 634 rooms accommodating 720 guests. Building contains a cafeteria, a fountain room and snack bar, and a 60 x 20 foot swimming pool. For terms see above.

Original Cost $1,806,000—Average Gross Annual Income: $400,000

NAYLOR GARDENS Locations: Naylor Rd. & Thirtieth Street, S. E., Washington, D. C.

Consisting of land, apartment buildings and other improvements. Completed in July, 1943 at Naylor Road and Thirtieth Street, S. E., Washington, D. C.

DESCRIPTION:

Land consists of 43.8 acres less public spaces and streets paved with concrete base and asphalt surface; sidewalks installed; whole area landscaped with trees and shrubs.

Improvements consist of 45 two-and-three story brick apartment buildings containing 748 one-to-three bedroom tenant apartment units. All buildings with slate roofs, fireproofed stairwells, and full basements equipped with individual storage rooms and laundry facilities. All kitchens with electric ranges, electric refrigerators, sinks, ventilating fans, built in cabinets and asphalt tile floors. All baths tiled and with tubs and showers. Coal-hot water heat from 7 central plants. For terms see above.

Original Cost: $6,357,000—Annual Rental Income: $393,480

McLEAN GARDENS Located at Wisconsin Avenue and Porter St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Consisting of land, apartment buildings, dormitory buildings, and other improvements. One of the largest and newest apartment developments in the District of Columbia. Constructed in 1942 on the site of the former McLean Estate.

DESCRIPTION

Land consists of approximately 56 acres at Wisconsin Avenue and Porter Street, in Northwest Washington, D. C. Adjoining the developed area are approximately two acres having a frontage of 630 feet on Wisconsin Avenue and zoned Commercial. Also, approximately two acres suitable for parking.

Improvements consist of 31 three story brick apartment buildings, containing 720 apartment units that range in size from 2½ to 4½ rooms. Also 9 fireproof dormitory buildings containing 1,192 furnished rooms with accommodations for 1,385 guests. For terms see above.

Original Cost $11,000,000—Average Annual Income: $1,250,000

LUCY DIGGS SLOWE HALL

Location: Third and U Sts., N.W. Washington, D. C.

Land and hotel dormitory building. Built 1943 as dormitory for single Negro women.

DESCRIPTION: *Land*, plot 268 x 158 feet. *Improvements*, four-story brick, fireproof building with 200 rooms with accommodations for 222. Single rooms average 9 x 16 feet, double rooms 12 x 16 feet. Lavatory and clothes closet each room. Bath, tub and shower facilities one to four guests. Lounge, card rooms, recreation room, cafeteria to seat 200, kitchen and food storage on ground floor. Steam heat. Trunk storage room in basement. For terms see above.

Original Cost: $928,000—Average Gross Annual Income: $244,000

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER HALL

Location: Second & Bee St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Land and hotel dormitory building. Built 1943 as dormitory for single Negro men.

Land, a plot approximately 283 x 175ft.

Improvements, 4-story, brick, fireproof building with 177 sleeping rooms, accommodations 206 guests. Lavatory, clothes closet each room. Tub and shower facilities one to each four guests. Public lounge, private card rooms, large recreation room, space for cafeteria, kitchen and trunk storage. Steam heating plant. For terms, see above.

Original Cost: $601,500—Annual Rental Income: $90,700

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This Morning

—With Shirley Povich

The Yankees are more or less supposed to win the pennant in the American League next season because they will have intact again their celebrated DiMaggio-Keller-Henrich outfield, but we were just thinking that maybe that's not the best outfield in the league and maybe the Yanks won't win the pennant.

POVICH

Keller, for all his talents, has hit under .300 for the Yankees more often than otherwise, and last season after rejoining the club following his discharge from the maritime service he couldn't get up a gallop. DiMaggio is the power man of the trio and was for years the league's best outfielder. Maybe he still is. Henrich is fast and smart and a good hitter and like Keller and DiMaggio he can throw.

It stacks up as a fine outfield, but as we were saying it may not be the league's best next season. The war is over for other clubs besides the Yankees, and up in Boston and out in Detroit they will have outfielders that not only compare favorably with the Yankees, but may even surpass them in talent. Washington's outfield may be a very good one, too.

It's the Boston outfield that we like, though. Ted Williams is due back from the Marine Air Force and he is certainly the finest hitter in all baseball. Defensively he's no great shueks but every manager in the league would like to worry along with him, and with Williams playing alongside Dom DiMaggio and Bob Johnson, Manager Joe Cronin will do all right in that department.

When Joe DiMaggio was at his peak as the outfielder who could go farther for a ball than any other, and throw it farther, he wasn't shading by much his little brother Dominic, of the Red Sox. In fact, on a couple of counts, Dominic was the better outfielder. He couldn't hit with Joe, but he could play a grounded ball better and if his arm wasn't as strong as Joe's it was still strong and much more accurate.

The Williams-DiMaggio-Johnson trio figure to out hit the Yankee outfielders, too. The ancient Johnson shows little sign of slowing, and his throwing arm is still superb. He still plays a ball hit down the line better than any other arm in left field and he gives the Red Sox another potent home run threat in addition to Williams.

An outfielder who could be better than either the Yankees' or Red Sox's though, is Detroit's. At least a Tiger outfield comprised of Hank Greenberg-Dick Wakefield-Barney McCosky deserves consideration. Greenberg is the defensive liability of that unit, but his bat would keep him in any outfield and he rates with Williams and Joe DiMaggio as the explosive sort.

Dick Wakefield is the most fascinating figure in the Detroit outfield, however. That young man apparently is on his way to being one of the truly greats. With a bat in his hand, he's almost a counterpart of Williams, but unlike the Boston slugger his talent doesn't end there. Wakefield is the biggest threat on the bases outside of George Case and he beats out more infield hits than any man in the league. He can go get a fly ball and he can throw and altogether he's a considerable fellow.

It's not even certain that the capable McCosky with his hitting ability and center fielding talents is going to be the Tigers' regular outfielder. The Detroit people talk about Pat Mullins as an even better ball player than McCosky, and you hear, too, that a rookie named Hoot Evers will even surpass both of them.

The folks who will be the first to feel the effects of the presence of the war veterans in the 1946 lineups will be the league's pitchers who have been having something of a carnival of it since Pearl Harbor. Pitchers who couldn't win before were getting away with low-hit games and shutouts, but as Clark Griffith says, "Only the good pitchers are going to win next season."

Washington's outfield prospects revolve about the performance of one man—Jeff Heath. If Heath has one of his good years, the Nats may be not at all ashamed of their outfield even when stacked against the talents of the Yankees, Red Sox and Tigers.

It will be an outfield comprised of Heath, Stan Spence and rookie Gil Coan, according to present indications. Spence in 1944 was the league's best center fielder. Coan is rated by Bill Evans as "the best young ball players I've seen in 20 years." He's going to get a wide open shot at a regular job and if he flops, there's always Buddy Lewis, who is not bad.

Aggies Favored in All-Colleges Tournament

Kansas Five Also Seen As Threat

By Sam Feldman

Oklahoma City, Dec. 25 (AP).—The defending champion Oklahoma Aggies are favored to repeat in the All-College Basketball Tournament opening here tomorrow, but no one is taking his eyes off Forrest C. (Phog) Allen's Kansas Jayhawkers.

It is well-known Allen likes to win, especially against the Aggies, and tournament officials agree the explosive oracle of Mount Oread wouldn't bring a team into the tournament unless it had an even chance to stop the Aggies.

That means Allen believes his team rates with the Aggies, not to mention the six other topnotch teams which bump in this three-day holiday fracas.

Kansas opens against Rice while the Aggies play Texas. In the other half of the first-round bracket Pepperdine meets Baylor and Texas Christian tangles with the University of Oklahoma.

If the Aggies and Kansas come through their initial-round games—which is expected—the tournament will have accomplished a feat unseen since 1943 as the quintets mix buckets in the second round.

Broke Relations

The two schools broke off relations that year, ostensibly because of the war, and brought to an end one of the bitterest-fought cage series in the Nation.

Coach Hank Iba of the Aggies, never one to refrain from voicing his opinions, and Allen used to add impetus to the biting prairie winds as they sniped at each other.

The Aggies, seeking their fifth tournament title, are led by the Nation's tallest center, 7-foot Bob Kurland; Weldon Kern and Blake Williams, all back from the 1945 national championship team. They have won four games while dropping one this season.

Boasting seven straight triumphs this season, Allen will display one of the tallest teams in the school's history. Kansas is sparked by Charlie Black, 6-foot 4½-inch wheelhorse of the 1942 days, and Otto Schnellenbacher, 6-oot 3-inch, former All-Big Six forward.

Not to be overlooked are four of the Southwest Conference's top teams which didn't travel north just to enjoy a white Christmas.

Texas vs. Aggies

Texas goes against the Aggies with a record of six wins and no defeats this season. Baylor boasts five and none, Rice four and one, and Texas Christian seven and two.

The University of Oklahoma, 1943 tournament champion, has split six games this season and Coach Bruce Drake claims he'll be bucking stiff competition. "We've still got a war club," he sighed; "one definitely not up to the standard of the other All-College entrants."

Pepperdine, although set back twice this season, is still considered the dark horse of the tourney. Coach Al Duer's five lost to Valparaiso, 65-60, last Friday, but four of his regulars were down with the flue. He reported today his squad was well.

All-America Bob Meets All-America Boy

Associated Press WIREPHOTO

HIYA BUB—When the Oklahoma A. and M. football squad arrived in New Orleans for its Sugar Bowl clash on New Year's Day with St. Mary's Gaels, one of the first to make the acquaintance of All-America Bob Fenimore, Aggie halfback, was Elliott Laudman, a 10-year-old admirer. Laudman wanted Fenimore's autograph and a promise that Oklahoma Aggies would take the measure of the Gaels in the New Orleans classic

Blanchard Included

Seven Easterners Named To Coaches' All-American

Philadelphia, Dec. 25 (INS).—The gentlemen who mould the Nation's grid machines—who baby them, scold them, nurse them and watch over them—came up today with their first All-American football team. It includes seven players from the East on the first string.

Crossing notes to create the star-studded aggregation were some 350 members of the All-American Football Coaches Association. President Ray Morrison, Temple coach, announced their selections.

Navy's Dick Duden and Northwestern's Max Morris, rangy glue-fingered ends, hold down either side of the giant line. In the tackle berths, the coaches named bulky Dewitt Coulter, one of four members of the Army powerhouse squad to make the team, and Big George Savitsky of Penn.

Navy's center, Richard Scott, was named as the wall's pivot man with Warren Amling, Ohio State, and Johnnie Green, of Army, holding down guard posts on either side.

It almost goes without saying that Army's touchdown twins, crashing Felix (Doc) Blanchard and fleet Glenn Davis, were nominated for the backfield, along with flashy Bob Fenimore, Oklahoma A. & M. star, and St. Mary's Herman Wedemeyer.

Morrison pointed out that "this is the association's first effort at picking an All-American team, and we feel that with coaches all over the country doing the choosing, it's truly a representative squad."

He explained that the coaches decided to pick their own team because they felt that, being experts in the game, they were best qualified to recognize and appraise good football. Moreover—demonstrating the magnitude of their survey—he said that at least one member of the association saw every major college game played this fall.

Morrison added that the Coaches Association will continue to select its All-American team annually and, quite significantly, "while this is another All-American team, the association believes it is the All-American team."

Gate 'Cut' Main Topic at Dixie Grid Meeting

Richmond, Va., Dec. 25 (AP).—Just as soon as the membership is agreed upon for the 1946 Dixie Pro Football League, the team directors will vote on the distribution of gate receipts. In the opinion of one franchise owner, this is going to be a touchy subject.

In seasons prior to the league's disbandment in 1942 for the war's duration, the teams operated on a percentage basis—usually 60-40, with the larger share going to the home team.

However, when reorganized the teams probably will operate on a home-and-home basis.

"We have reached the point," said a club owner, "where each team in the league should be able to support itself. The old idea of one city supporting another is a thing of the past, as far as I am concerned."

If six teams make up the circuit, it will be easy to play on a home basis. Each club will play five games at home and five away. However, an eight-team league would call for a seven-game schedule and it would be almost imperative to play on a percentage basis.

One way or the other, the money angle is slated for considerable debate at the league's meeting at 10 a. m. Sunday at the John Marshall Hotel here.

Lions Drill For Rovers Game Friday

Washington's Lions resume their drills here today as they look ahead to Friday night's Eastern Hockey League match with the fast-skating New York Rovers on Uline ice, 8:30 o'clock.

The Lions enjoyed a day of complete rest yesterday, and a party of them accepted an invitation extended by Samuel A. Freas, Harry Glazier and Dr. Daniel Finucane to attend a Christmas party given patients at Glenn Dale Hospital.

Capt. Hal Hurlsey, Alf Turner, Joe Fennell and Freddie Petsura shared prominently in the festivities and contributed greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion.

Full speed ahead will be in order at Uline's for the next two days as the Lions bear down in their bid for an upset of the Rovers, recent 6-0 conquerors of the Boston Olympics and 7-1 winner over the Philadelphia Falcons.

Newcomers are expected to report here today and tomorrow and revised forward lines probably will be used against the Rovers Friday night.

Moe Roberts, who has turned in two good performances against New York recently, probably will return to the nets Friday night. The popular veteran rapidly is rounding into playing shape.

W.-L., G. W. Quints Start Tourney Play

Washington-Lee and George Washington High's cage aggregations embark for Waynesboro, Va., today to participate in the first annual invitation tournament sponsored by the duPont Recreation Employes Association, which opens tomorrow afternoon.

The Little Generals open the tourney tomorrow in the first game of the Class A Division doubleheader against Roanoke High and the Presidents follow immediately afterward against Lynchburg High. In Class B competition tomorrow night, Harrisonburg faces Staunton High and Waynesboro meets Lexington.

The winners in the two Class A games play-off Friday afternoon in the first half of a twin-bill, and the Class B champ will be decided in the second half. The tournament champion will be determined in the finale when the Class A lock horns with the Class B titleholders on Friday night.

Hoosier Court Hopes Boosted By Uncle Sa m

Bloomington, Ind., Dec. 25 (INS).—Uncle Sam has dumped enough basketball players back on the Indiana court to give the Hoosiers a pretty good shot at the Big Ten title.

Last season Indiana groveled in the conference cellar. Last Saturday the Hoosiers, an unknown quantity in this season's title race, whipped Michigan in an overtime contest.

The starting lineup in the Michigan game: Jack Herron, former Marine; John Wallace, former navigator on a B-17; Dick Wittenbraker, former bomabrdier in the Eighth Air Force; Al Kravolansky, former GI in the Air Force; Bob Mehl, former sailor.

Those five former servicemen accounted for 53 of Indiana's 67 points in the Michigan game.

Drake Squad Off

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 25 (INS).—Drake University's football squad today set out for Fresno, Calif., and its Raisin Bowl date for January 1 against Fresno State.

The full squad will assemble in Kansas City tomorrow. They expect to arrive in Fresno on Friday.

Santa Claus Wins Xmas Horse Race

Hallandale, Fla., Dec. 25 (INS).—Who said there ain't no Santa Claus?

There is, and he proved it by winning the fifth race at Gulfstream Park today.

No, ladies and gentlemen, this is strictly not a gag. There is a horse named Santa Claus and he actually won the race on Christmas Day.

He won the race by a length and a half, going away, to the cheers of thousands of frenzied hunch players who shouted themselves into a state of hysteria. They whooped it up and slapped each other on the back as good old Santa Claus came all the way from seventh place to make a show of his field.

You will never be able to convince these enthusiastic rooters who collected $8.30 on a $2 ticket that the horse is a dumb animal. For today Santa Claus knew what his name was and he knew what day it was.

Most red-faced of all were the "form" players who made another horse the favorite over Santa Claus on this day of days. The favorite, Blue Line, was far back in fifth place when Santa's backers started the rush to the pay-off windows.

Santa Claus came down the chimney right on schedule, as one wag remarked, but he emerged through the mutuel window instead of the fireplace.

One delighted admirer immediately dashed off the following deathless tribute:

'Twas the fifth race on Christmas
At the Florida track,
With all the hunch bettors
Shooting their stack
On a steed named for Santa Claus.
Honest, 'twas so!
When they sprung wide the gate
He was rarin' to go.
When out in the stretch
Santa flashed past the pack
The wild bettors cheered
At the old Gulfstream track,
For in coming in first,
Right under the wire,
He gave more suckers hope
Than they sometimes acquire.
Now all the track gentry,
Superstitious as dickens,
Think Santa decreed them
Some nice easy pickin's.

Ex-Tiger Cager Averages 20 Points For Atomic Team

Los Alamos, N. Mex., Dec. 25 (AP).—Sergt. Don Harvey of Eldon, Mo., a forward with the Los Alamos Atomic Bombers, has scored 232 points in 12 basketball games this season—just 8 shy of 20 points a game.

But last season when wartime secrecy of the atomic bomb project kept his feat out of the newspapers, Harvey caged 660 points in 30 games for a 22-point a game average. He played three seasons at the University of Missouri before his graduation in 1941.

Airborne, 41st Score, to Meet In Tokyo Bowl

Tokyo, Dec. 25 (AP).—Speed and power were blended by the Eleventh Airborne Division today to reach the New Year's Day Tokyo Bowl game with a 35 to 6 victory over the First Cavalry.

In the Bowl game, the Airborne eleven tangles with the Forty-first Division. The winner of that tussle meets Jock Sutherland's Hawaiian GI stars January 26 in the Pan-Pacific Olympic Games.

A crowd of 10,000 watched the deceptive Airborne attack tally two touchdowns each in the second and third periods, another in the fourth quarter and a safety to top off the markers.

Jack Swarthout of Prosser, Wis., former University of Montana halfback, and Tom Swisley of New Brunswick, N. J., each punched over touchdown twice for the winners. Jack Noble of Kirksville, Mo., former Northeast Missouri Teachers halfback, made two conversions.

In the powerful Angel line were tackle Mike Rodak of Hollidays Cove, W. Va., former Western Reserve and later a Detroit Lions player, and George Palmer of Havre De Grace, Md., onetime University of Pennsylvania guard and Mike Jurich former Brooklyn Dodgers guard.

A. S. C. Defeated By 41st, 27 to 2

Kyoto, Japan, Dec. 25 (AP).—The Forty-first Division shellacked the Army Service Command 27 to 2 today for the right to meet the Eleventh Airborne Division in the Tokyo Bowl Game New Year's Day.

Scoring for the Forty-first were Louis Lacosts, former star of Modesto, Calif.; Capt. Jack Farbian, formerly of Oklahoma Aggies; Don Wiggins of Kansas University, and George Groshen of Western Reserve.

McCombs Fights

Chicago, Dec. 25 (INS).—Benny McCombs, light heavyweight from Flint, Mich., will battle Chicago's new knockout sensation, Bob Satterfield, in a ten-round bout tomorrow night in Ashland Auditorium in Chicago.

If McCombs wins, he may be matched next week with Holman Williams, leading contender for the middleweight crown.

DePaul's Big George Mikan Again Tops College Scorers

New York, Dec. 25 (AP).—Big George Mikan of DePaul's undefeated Demons, has taken up where he left off last year in the National Collegiate individual high scoring basketball race.

In the eight games the Chicago quint has won this season, Mikan has poured 187 points through the net to top all scorers in the country. The tall sharpshooter, who tallied 558 points in 24 games a year ago, has tossed in 71 field goals and 45 free throws.

In second place, only three points behind, is Andy Wolfe of California, with 184 points on 79 doubledeckers and 26 charity throws. He has played in five more games than Mikan, however.

Bill Hall of Marshall College in West Virginia, is far behind in third place at 160, but in turn has a big lead on Jackie Goldsmith of Long Island University, and Leonard Pyne of Idaho, tied for fourth at 133.

Ernie Calverley of Rhode Island State, and Bob Kurland of the Oklahoma Aggies, two of the eight players who scored more than 500 points last year, are away down the list at 92 and 77 points, respectively.

The 30 top scorers as compiled by the Associated Press and including games of Monday, December 24:

	G	FG	FL	TP
G. Mikan, DePaul	8	71	45	187
A. Wolfe, California	13	79	26	184
B. Hall, Marshall (W. Va.)	10	75	10	160
J. Goldsmith, Long Island	7	58	17	133
L. Pyne, Idaho	11			133
R. Dejonaneour, Mont. State	8	52	23	129
H. Brown, Evansville (Ind.)	6	49	29	127
D. Olten, Bowling Green	11	51	21	123
B. Hamilton, Oregon	10			122
C. Braun, Colgate	6	51	13	115
E. Vandeweghe, Colgate	6	47	19	113
B. Walters, LaSalle (Phila.)	7	49	13	111
B. Gabor, Syracuse	6	44	16	104
B. London, Wash. (St. L.)	6	34	33	101
J. Dawson, Texas Aggies	5	40	17	97
J. McIntyre, Minnesota	6	32	30	94
E. Calverley, Rhode Island	8	36	29	92
C. Black, Kansas	6	33	25	91
D. Hale, Rhode Island	6	41	9	91
G. Hannum, Carnegie Tech	6	34	22	90
A. Barthelme, Balto. Loyola	7	38	12	88
T. Lavelli, Yale	4	35	17	87
B. Lawther, Louisiana State	4	31	23	85
A. Madsen, Texas	7	24	34	82
F. Schmoes, C. C. N. Y.	6	35	9	78
B. Fisher, Union	7	35	9	79
V. Campopiano, Rutgers	7	33	12	78
B. Kurland, Okla. Aggies	5	34	9	77
B. Carroll, West Virginia	6			75
F. Schwab, Niagara	4	28	15	71

GEORGE MIKAN

M'Cormack Homer Aids All-Star Win

Honolulu, T. H., Dec. 24 (U.P.)—The Honolulu National League All-Star baseball team won its fourth consecutive victory by swamping the Hawaii Army Olympics, 9 to 1, today on the nine-hit pitching of Brooklyn Dodger-owned Tom Seats and a ninth-inning home run by the new Philadelphia Phillies' First Baseman Frank McCormack.

The last game in the current series will be played tomorrow and the visitors will then leave for Kwajalein Wednesday on another leg of their six-week Pacific exhibition tour.

Davis, Earl Named To Receive Awards At Touchdown Fet

Andy Davis, Tech High School's halfback and fullback, and Billy Earl, Bullis School's talented halfback, will receive Touchdown Club trophies awarded the outstanding high and preparatory school players, respectively, at the annual dinner set for the Hotel Statler on Tuesday night, January 8.

Davis and Earl not only were all-around stars during the regular football season, but also turned in sparkling performances in the recent scholastic all-star game at Griffith Stadium.

These brilliant schoolboy stars have been exceptionally popular locally for the past several years, and their selections are popular ones. Earl has been keyman of the Bullis teams of the past two seasons after previously having set a hot pace at Washington-Lee High School.

Outstanding college, professional and schoolboy football stars and coaches of the Nation will attend the Touchdown dinner, as well as big names of boxing, baseball and other American sports.

The dinner is a complete sellout. Applications for reservations are being returned.

Kentucky Nine Named Best Of Semi-Pros

Wichita, Kas., Dec. 25 (AP).—The National Baseball Congress presented the Middlesboro, Ky., Lions' Club with its "1945 Achievement Award" and the Enid, Okla., AAF with the title of the No. 1 Army team today in naming semi-pro baseball's leading teams and individual performers for the year.

The Middlesboro, Ky., Lions' Club won its recognition for sponsoring what the Congress classified as the Nation's top civic team. Enid AAF won its title for winning the National Semi-pro Championship this year after having been runner-up for the title the last two years.

General Electric of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Cessna Aircraft of Wichita, Kas., shared honors as the top industrial team.

Other team awards included:

Most unusual record — Waco AAF, winner of the Texas State Championship three consecutive years.

Surprise team—Orlando Army Air Base, which failed to win the Florida State Championship but as an alternate in the national tournament finished second in the official national ratings.

Nation's leading young club—Columbia, S. C., Comets which with players ranging from 18 to 20 years tied for seventh place in the national ratings.

Leading individuals included:

Leading hitter—Charles Hockenberry, Kearns Eagles of Utah, who led 400 batters in the national tournament.

Leading pitcher—Lou Kretlow of the Enid, Okla., AAF, recently released from the Army and now signed by the Detroit Tigers.

Leading infielder—Lou Ruscher, Lockbourne, Ohio, Army Air Field.

Leading outfielder—Sal Madrid, Lincoln, Nebr., Army Air Field.

Picked as most likely to reach major league stardom—Ellis Deal, pitcher-outfielder for Enid, Okla., AAF, voted the most valuable players in the national tournament for the second straight year.

The Sports Patrol:

Fight Game Looks Into Future For a Louis or Conn Successor

By William Tucker

New York, Dec. 25 (U.P.)—The big question mark in sports tonight on the eve of the postwar athletic boom was who's going to be the next heavyweight champion after Louis and/or Conn?

Veteran ring writers think that Billy Fox of Philadelphia is the logical contended.

"He's an awful lot like Louis," one ringsider said. "He can move in fast. He can be hit. He may be knocked out once or twice, before he reaches the top. But he has amazing recuperative power. And as a body puncher in the clinches, I've never seen anything like him in 20 years."

Then there is young Freddie Schott of Akron, Ohio, a powerfully built, hard-hitting fellow who has an unblemished record against the so-sos. More will be known about him next Friday night when he boxes Joe Baksi, the tried and true test of budding champions.

Maybe Baksi

Which might bring up the question what about Baksi? True enough, rugged Jos holds two recent victories over Lee Savold—but got himself bounced, and hard, by one Jersey, Joe Wolcott.

To complicate the heavyweight picture, Savold scored a recent and close decision over long, lean Al Hoosman. Before that bout, young Hoosman from Hollywood had been beautifully booked as the coming champion by no less than James Joy Johnston, his manager and longtime sponsor of heavyweight challengers.

Hoosman may yet become the man, at that. He is highly endowed with intelligence. He was a Hollywood bit player before Johnston persuaded him to make prize-fighting his sole career. He is constructed differently from any other outstanding heavyweight of modern times. Tall, with terrific reach, and no girth problem.

But the way the ring business works, it all has to be settled in the arena and the people who promote boxing have decided on a long, drawn-out elimination series.

Best Bout of all

The classic bout will be the Louis-Conn "return match" next June, probably in Yankee Stadium. This fight has been built up for five and one-half years—since the night that young Billy pitched away his 13-round lead with a wild Irish right and got put away for the trouble.

Any person lives a lot of days over a period of five years and neither Billy nor Joe is the same man he was on that hot, memorable night back in 1941.

Conservative opinion says that Louis will do a repeat performance on Conn's jaw next June but it will not be the greatest fight in ring history. In fact, the wiseacres around Jacobs Beach say that on any given night Baksi, or Savold, or Hoosman, or Schott could handle Louis or Conn in what would be a heck of a brawl at $8 top.

But since Louis is a champion and Conn is the leading contended, those two have just got to settle the issue between themselves. And for a mere 100 bucks ringside you can same staged a the pleasure of the real ringmasters—the promoters.

Hunting & Fishing

—With Jack Bell

A Tempest in the Boston Teapot

Our attention has been called to this subject by a story Monday on these pages. Representative George J. Bates (R., Mass.) says: "It's a question of who has priority, ducks or men?" The sportsmen at large again see the handiwork of a powerful minority—men.

It is contended by the opposition to establish the Parker River National Wild Waterfowl Refuge in Essex County, Mass., that adequate and proper notice was not given by the Fish and Wildlife Service to acquire the land necessary for the refuge.

On this point Secretary Ickes, in his formal report on the matter, says: " . . . whether or not notice of the intention of the United States to acquire lands for any purposes should be given to the owners of the land intended to be taken is a debatable question," but concludes that in this case adequate notice was given through meetings held to discuss the refuge matter and later negotiations for purchase.

While the refuge was suggested by a few citizens of the Bay State as far back as 1929, little was done to bring it into being until 1940 and 1941. The lands in the proposed area were examined and classified. About 1.5 per cent of the 12,368 acres involved are said to be crop and orchard land. Thirty per cent are salt-marsh and 5 per cent are swamp lands.

There are 410 land owners on the several tracts which comprise the proposed refuge. From the findings of the Fish and Wildlife Service, only four permanent residents live on their lands. The other acreage is owned by duck clubs and summer residents.

Up to December 30 of last year only 80 tracts had been acquired by purchase. One hundred and twenty-five tracts are owned by people whose residence is not known or disclosed and 205 had refused to sell. Because of the many holdings, cost of title examination, negotiation and survey, the Fish and Wildlife Service on December 30 last filed a declaration of taking these lands and threw the entire matter into the courts under condemnation proceedings.

Early this year the Legislature took further notice of the situation and appointed a committee to investigate. Hearings were conducted in several towns at which "angry residents" under oath "charged that Government agents and engineers surveyed without authority, offered $5 to $7 an acre, and then seized their lands without notice."

Following the hearings the Legislature, on January 31 of this year, repealed the consent act. In 1931 the Legislature of Massachusetts passed what is termed the consent act required by the Norbeck-Anderson Migratory Bird Conservation Act of the Federal Congress. In 1941 the Legislature modified its 1931 act by requiring the prior consent of the State Conservation Commission of such acquisitions for waterfowl refuges by the Federal Government. This consent was given by the then Commissioner Raymond Kenny.

The opponents then asked that the Fish and Wildlife Service abandom the refuge. On this point the Secretary stated that "the courts have held that whenever title to lands included in a condemnation proceeding has become vested in the United States through the filing of taking the United States cannot thereafter abandom the proceeding without the consent of the former owners."

He then outlined the policy to be pursued by the Fish and Wildlife Service for the conduct of the refuge. The main points are as follows:

1—Plans for water impoundment must be submitted to the State Public Health Department before construction.

2—Clam beds shall be protected and preserved.

3—The four permanent residents on the refuge shall be permitted to continue occupancy of their homes.

4—Former owners shall be given preferential forage and forest uses.

5—Owners of summer homes shall be given permits for use of such homes.

6—Grazing of livestock and cutting wild hay shall be permitted under regulation.

7—Cutting of timber for fuel and building purposes shall be permitted under sound forestry practices.

8—Recreational uses of the area shall be made available.

9—The proposed dam shall be operated so as not to interfere with riparian rights.

One thing stands out in this whole controversy, and that is, here again is shown the hand of the powerful selfish minority who are throwing snags in the path of conservation. Undoubtedly the refuge will be worthwhile. It is strategically located on the flyway of wild waterfowl and does not actually interfere with the economy of the people. The refuge will provide a safe habitat and food for wildfowl. Closed to hunting, however, better shooting will be the result for the majority of duck hunters in the surrounding areas.

Indians Lead A. L. Clubs in Defensive Play

Tribe Fields At .977 Clip, Rocco Tops

New York, Dec. 25 (INS).—Much was said and written during the past season about the poor quality of baseball played in the major leagues.

Yet the official American League fielding records for 1945 revealed today that the standard of defensive play was unusually high, as far as the cold figures are concerned. The league average was up to .973, as compared with .971 in 1944.

Cleveland led the league with a .977 average. This is three points better than last year's leading .974, shared by Cleveland and New York.

The most proficient Cleveland player in fielding was Mickey Rocco. He paced the first basemen with a mark of .992. Rocco handled 1328 chances and made only 10 errors in 141 games.

Set Twin-Killing Mark

Boston broke the major league record for double plays by one club in a season with 198.

Individually, Frank Hayes, a catcher, was the double play star. Hayes, who played for Philadelphia and Cleveland, broke the record for a catcher participating in the most double plays in a season. He had a share in 20 two-ply killings.

The fielding leader in the catching department, however, was Paul Richards of Detroit with an average of .995.

The leading second baseman was Eddie Mayo of Detroit with a mark of .980.

George Kell of Philadelphia was the most efficient third baseman with a mark of .964.

Bad Year for Shortstops

The shortstops had a bad year. Vern Stephens of the St. Louis Browns topped them with the low figure of .961.

Old Doc Cramer of Detroit led the outfielders with a mark of .991. In equaling the league record, Cramer made only three errors in 324 chances.

There was more glory for Hal Newhouser, the Detroit southpaw, who was the league's most valuable player and also captured most of the pitching laurels. Prince Hal handled 82 chances flawlessly.

Official American League Fielding Records for 1945

CLUB FIELDING

Club.	G	DP	TP	PB	PO	A	E	TC	Pct.
Cleveland	147	149	0	18	3907	1563	126	5596	.977
St. Louis	154	123	0	6	4148	1675	143	5966	.976
Detroit	155	173	1	11	4181	1677	158	6016	.975
Philadelphia	153	160	0	9	4143	1905	158	6206	.975
Boston	157	198	0	13	4173	1956	169	6298	.973
New York	152	170	0	8	4065	1731	175	5971	.971
Washington	156	124	0	40	4237	1767	183	6187	.970
Chicago	150	129	0	9	3992	1807	180	5979	.970
Totals		1236	1	119	32846	14381	1302	48429	.973

INDIVIDUAL FIELDING RECORDS
Ten or More Games
FIRST BASEMEN

Name and Club.	Throws	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP	Pct.
McBride, Boston	R	11	101	8	0	109	11	1.000
Binks, Washington	L	20	164	12	1	177	12	.994
Finney, Boston-St. Louis	R	22	163	14	6	180	15	.994
Rocco, Cleveland	L	141	1203	115	10	1328	112	.992
Siebert, Philadelphia	L	147	1427	135	14	1576	129	.991
McQuinn, St. Louis	L	136	1143	105	11	1259	87	.991
Camilli, Boston	L	34	305	44	2	354	42	.991
Etten, New York	L	152	1401	94	17	1512	149	.989
Kuhel, Washington	L	141	1223	94	16	1433	101	.989
Farrell, Chicago	L	97	913	74	11	998	76	.988
York, Detroit	R	133	1464	113	19	1596	142	.988
Metkovich, Boston	L	97	935	76	15	1026	96	.985
Nagel, Chicago	R	57	503	34	9	540	42	.984

Triple play—York.

Less Than Ten Games.

	Throws.	G.	PO.	A.	E.	DP.	Pct.
McGhee, Philadelphia	L	8	59	7	0	7	1.000
Byrnes, St. Louis	L	2	14	1	0	0	1.000
Williams, Cleveland	R	3	13	2	0	2	1.000
McHale, Detroit	R	3	5	1	0	0	1.000
Burns, Philadelphia	R	1	5	1	0	0	1.000
Grimes, New York	L	1	4	1	0	0	1.000
Busch, Philadelphia	R	1	3	0	0	1	1.000
Fleming, Cleveland	L	5	32	4	1	2	.973
Martin, St. Louis	R	6	36	4	2	1	.952

Less Than Ten Games.
SECOND BASEMEN

Name and Club.	Throws	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP	Pct.
Webb, Detroit	R	11	30	25	0	55	8	1.000
Mayo, Detroit	R	124	329	393	15	734	91	.980
Reynolds, Chicago	R	11	20	27	1	48	7	.979
Hall, Philadelphia	R	151	422	498	21	941	108	.978
Meyer, Cleveland	R	130	317	313	14	644	66	.978
Schalk, Chicago	R	133	380	389	18	787	90	.977
Baker, Chicago	R	11	15	28	1	44	4	.977
Myatt, Washington	R	94	238	231	13	472	48	.972
Chocki, Cleveland	R	23	36	48	3	107	13	.972
Stirnweiss, New York	R	152	432	492	29	953	119	.970
Gutteridge, St. Louis	R	128	334	334	21	689	66	.970
Steiner, Boston	R	77	202	213	14	429	63	.987
Borom, Detroit	R	28	62	82	5	149	15	.956
Hevesone, Boston	R	82	206	231	17	454	54	.963
Vaughn, Washington	R	76	177	189	21	387	35	.946
Schulte, St. Louis	R	37	72	63	12	147	12	.918

Triple play—Mayo.

Less Than Ten Games.

	Throws.	G.	PO.	A.	E.	DP.	Pct.
Milosevich, New York	R	1	1	3	0	0	1.000
Michaels, Chicago	R	1	1	2	0	0	1.000
Wheeler, Cleveland	R	3	1	1	0	0	1.000
Bucher, Boston	R	2	1	1	0	0	1.000
Tobin, Boston	R	5	16	10	1	3	.963
Busch, Philadelphia	R	2	4	4	1	2	.889
Clary, St. Louis	R	3	1	4	1	0	.833
Orengo, Chicago	R	1	0	2	0	0	.250
Lake, Boston	R	1	0	0	0	0	.000
	R	1	0	0	0	0	.000

THIRD BASEMEN

Name and Club.	Throws	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP	Pct.
Cibocki, Cleveland	R	29	33	51	2	86	4	.977
Newsome, Boston	R	11	9	31	1	41	3	.976
Christman, St. Louis	R	77	79	137	6	222	12	.973
Baker, Chicago	R	58	36	99	4	139	8	.971
LaPorest, Boston	R	45	45	97	5	147	11	.966
Kell, Philadelphia	R	147	186	345	20	551	32	.964
Schulte, St. Louis	R	71	75	149	6	230	9	.961
Ross, Detroit-Cleveland	R	114	125	193	14	332	14	.958
Layne, Washington	R	33	34	53	4	91	3	.956
Tobin, Boston	R	72	82	151	12	245	17	.951
Clary, St. Louis	R	16	15	21	2	38	3	.947
Bucher, Boston	R	32	26	68	6	100	8	.940
Outlaw, Detroit	R	21	18	42	4	64	5	.938
Grimes, New York	R	141	162	296	31	484	35	.937
Maier, Detroit	R	124	142	226	25	393	19	.936
Cuccinello, Chicago	R	112	73	221	20	314	22	.936
Clift, Washington	R	111	111	214	23	348	18	.934
Travis, Washington	R	14	18	28	4	50	4	.920
Wheeler, Cleveland	R	14	18	13	3	34	0	.912
Savage, New York	R	14	16	25	5	46	3	.891

Less Than Ten Games.

	Throws.	G.	PO.	A.	E.	DP.	Pct.
Cronin, Boston	R	3	3	8	0	2	1.000
Torres, Washington	R	2	2	3	0	0	1.000
Polly, Boston	R	2	1	2	0	0	1.000
Nagel, Chicago	R	1	0	1	0	0	1.000
Orengo, Chicago	R	7	5	7	1	0	.923
Busch, Philadelphia	R	5	5	5	1	0	.909
Borom, Detroit	R	4	1	7	1	0	.889
Myatt, Washington	R	6	11	13	3	2	.885
Rothel, Cleveland	R	4	2	5	1	0	.875
Stephens, St. L.	R	4	2	11	2	3	.867
Cullenbine, Cleveland-Detroit	R	3	3	3	1	0	.857
Burns, Philadelphia	R	5	1	5	1	0	.750
Finney, Boston-St. Louis	R	1	1	0	1	0	.500

SHORTSTOPS

Name and Club.	Throws	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP	Pct.
Boudreau, Cleveland	R	97	217	289	9	515	73	.983
Newsome, Boston	R	33	61	114	4	179	21	.978
Schulte, St. Louis	R	14	20	33	2	55	3	.964
Stephens, St. Louis	R	144	256	439	28	723	69	.961
Brancato, Philadelphia	R	10	22	25	2	49	5	.959
Webb, Detroit	R	104	215	343	25	583	71	.957
Milosevich, New York	R	22	36	52	4	92	11	.957
Torres, Washington	R	145	272	437	35	744	65	.953
Busch, Philadelphia	R	116	209	370	29	608	67	.952
Kimble, Washington	R	15	19	38	3	60	5	.950
Lake, Boston	R	130	265	459	40	764	112	.948
Reynolds, Chicago	R	14	19	25	3	47	6	.947
Crosetti, New York	R	126	264	380	37	681	86	.946
Chocki, Cleveland	R	41	65	109	10	184	25	.946
Hoover, Detroit	R	68	126	163	17	356	35	.944
Michaels, Chicago	R	145	259	426	47	732	74	.936
Appling, Chicago	R	17	37	56	7	100	7	.930
Wilkins, Philadelphia	R	40	74	118	16	208	23	.923
Wheeler, Cleveland	R	11	19	2	2	21	1	.905
Busas, New York	R	12	17	36	4	59	4	.898
Weingartner, Cleveland	R	20	29	32	9	70	7	.871

Triple play—Webb.

Less Than Ten Games.

	Throws.	G.	PO.	A.	E.	DP.	Pct.
Borom, Detroit	R	2	3	4	0	1	1.000
Myatt, Washington	R	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Vaughn, Washington	R	1	0	0	0	0	.000

OUTFIELDERS

Name and Club.	Throws	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP	Pct.
Greenberg, Detroit	R	73	129	3	0	132	0	1.000
Keller, New York	R	44	110	4	0	114	0	1.000
Rosenthal, Philadelphia	L	21	35	1	0	36	0	1.000
Burns, Philadelphia	R	19	26	1	0	27	1	1.000
Martin, St. Louis	R	48	116	7	1	124	2	.992
O'Dea, Cleveland	L	53	118	4	1	123	2	.992
Cramer, Detroit	R	140	314	7	3	324	4	.991
Metkovich, Boston	L	42	87	2	1	90	0	.989
Fox, Boston	R	57	94	3	1	98	1	.989
McGhee, Philadelphia	L	43	84	3	1	87	0	.989
Byrnes, St. Louis	L	125	319	13	4	336	0	.988
Estalella, Philadelphia	R	124	314	10	4	328	3	.988
Mackiewicz, Cleveland	R	113	288	11	3	302	4	.987
Hoag, Cleveland	R	53	73	4	1	78	1	.987
Curtright, Chicago	R	84	196	8	3	207	0	.986
Pinney, Boston-St. Louis	R	36	68	4	1	73	1	.986
Lasha, St. Louis	R	35	68	1	1	70	0	.986
Kreevich, St. Louis-Washington	R	121	328	5	5	338	0	.985
Martin, New York	R	102	233	8	4	245	1	.984
Metheny, New York	R	128	327	11	4	342	3	.984
McBride, Boston	R	81	180	10	3	193	4	.984
Hockett, Chicago	R	106	273	7	5	285	3	.982
Lindell, New York	R	41	108	2	2	112	0	.982
Lewis, Washington	R	69	181	8	2	191	2	.981
Cullenbine, Cleveland-Detroit	R	150	326	23	7	356	3	.980
Case, Washington	R	123	316	17	7	340	3	.979
Derry, New York	R	68	170	4	4	178	2	.978
Chipple, Washington	R	13	42	2	1	45	1	.978
Binks, Washington	L	128	321	13	8	342	4	.977
Moses, Chicago	L	139	329	12	8	349	1	.977
Smith, Philadelphia	L	82	194	4	3	121	0	.976
Johnson, Boston	R	140	296	15	8	319	4	.975
Seerey, Cleveland	R	117	237	7	8	240	3	.975
Heath, Cleveland	R	101	214	3	6	223	1	.973
Zarnon, Washington	R	43	104	2	3	109	0	.972
Metro, Philadelphia	R	57	100	3	3	108	0	.972
Dickshot, Chicago	R	124	253	13	8	274	3	.971
Myatt, Washington	R	32	60	6	2	68	0	.971
Carnett, Cleveland	L	18	33	1	1	35	1	.971
Moore, St. Louis	L	100	194	10	6	200	0	.970
Stainback, New York	R	83	233	10	8	251	6	.968
Culberson, Boston	R	91	319	14	8	341	6	.967
Outlaw, Detroit	R	105	192	13	7	212	6	.967
Lazor, Boston	R	81	141	6	6	153	0	.961
Gray, St. Louis	L	91	162	3	7	172	1	.959
Gutteridge, St. Louis	R	14	23	0	1	24	0	.958
Powell, Washington	R	27	56	1	3	60	1	.950
Peck, Philadelphia	L	110	190	9	12	211	3	.943
Fleming, Cleveland	L	33	89	2	4	95	2	.943
Kish, Philadelphia	L	30	82	3	4	89	0	.933
Ventura, Washington	R	15	30	1	4	35	0	.886

Less Than Ten Games

	Throws.	G.	PO.	A.	E.	DP.	Pct.
Chapman, Philadelphia	R	8	18	0	0	0	1.000
Garrison, Philadelphia	R	5	11	1	0	0	1.000
Benjamin, Cleveland	R	4	9	1	0	0	1.000
Mierkowicz, Detroit	R	6	8	0	0	0	1.000
Cicero, Philadelphia	R	7	7	0	0	0	1.000
LaPorest, Boston	R	7	5	0	0	0	1.000
Christopher, Boston	R	3	5	0	0	0	1.000
Wilkins, Philadelphia	R	4	3	0	0	0	1.000
Walker, Detroit	R	7	3	0	0	0	1.000
Tobin, Boston	R	3	3	0	0	0	1.000
Savage, New York	R	2	3	0	0	0	1.000
McFarland, Washington	R	3	2	1	0	0	1.000
Maier, Detroit	R	1	2	0	0	0	1.000
Drake, Philadelphia	R	1	2	0	0	0	1.000
Hostetler, Detroit	R	8	8	0	1	0	.889
Mueller, Chicago	R	7	7	0	2	0	.778

PITCHERS

Names and Club	Throws	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP	Pct.
Newhouser, Detroit	L	40	16	66	0	82	5	1.000
Hollingsworth, St. Louis	L	26	14	38	0	52	2	1.000
Borowy, New York	R	18	8	31	0	36	3	1.000
Woods, Boston	R	24	8	31	0	33	0	1.000
Haynes, Chicago	R	14	8	23	0	31	0	1.000
Bonham, New York	R	23	6	23	0	29	2	1.000
Ryba, Boston	R	34	8	19	0	27	2	1.000
Ullrich, Washington	R	24	2	24	0	26	1	1.000
Harder, Cleveland	R	11	6	19	0	25	1	1.000
Wilson, Detroit	R	25	3	20	0	23	2	1.000
Salveson, Cleveland	R	19	4	13	0	17	0	1.000
Caster, St. Louis-Detroit	R	12	4	11	0	15	0	1.000
Clark, Boston	R	12	4	7	0	11	1	1.000
Center, Cleveland	R	31	4	7	0	11	1	1.000
Houtteman, Detroit	R	11	2	6	0	8	1	1.000
Terry, Boston	R	12	0	9	0	9	0	1.000
Henry, Cleveland	L	15	3	6	0	9	0	1.000
West, St. Louis	L	24	2	7	0	9	0	1.000
Roser, New York	R	13	2	6	0	8	0	1.000
Ross, Chicago	R	13	0	6	0	6	0	1.000
Jones, St. Louis	L	10	0	3	0	3	1	1.000
Christopher, Philadelphia	R	33	26	71	1	98	4	.990
Wolff, Washington	R	53	6	48	1	52	2	.981
Kramer, St. Louis	R	29	10	39	1	50	2	.980
Jakucki, St. Louis	R	30	7	42	1	50	0	.980
Ferris, Boston	R	35	22	67	2	91	10	.978
Smith, Cleveland	L	6	3	37	1	44	3	.977
Hausmann, Boston	R	31	13	30	1	44	2	.977
Caldwell, Chicago	R	27	8	34	1	43	3	.977
Berry, Philadelphia	R	27	10	24	1	35	3	.971
Knerr, Philadelphia	R	27	10	24	1	35	3	.971
Dietrich, Chicago	R	18	9	23	1	33	2	.970
Dubiel, New York	R	26	9	21	1	31	2	.968
Gettel, New York	R	27	4	24	1	29	3	.966
Benton, Detroit	R	11	4	44	2	50	4	.965
Leonard, Washington	R	31	8	44	2	54	0	.963
Papish, Chicago	L	19	2	24	1	27	0	.963
Black, Philadelphia	R	26	8	18	1	27	0	.963
Klieman, Cleveland	R	19	2	27	2	31	3	.961
Lopat, Chicago	L	26	15	32	2	49	0	.959
Pieretti, Washington	R	44	17	52	3	72	2	.958
Gromek, Cleveland	R	33	13	31	2	48	1	.958
Wilson, Boston	R	23	4	20	1	24	0	.958
Lee, Chicago	L	29	6	38	2	46	4	.957
Overmire, Detroit	L	31	11	33	2	46	2	.957
Zuber, New York	R	21	3	19	1	23	2	.957
Haefner, Washington	L	77	11	53	3	66	1	.955
Newsom, Philadelphia	R	36	12	28	2	42	1	.952
Shirley, St. Louis	R	32	8	31	2	41	3	.951
Tobin, Detroit	R	14	3	16	1	20	1	.950
Potter, St. Louis	R	13	3	16	1	20	1	.950
Barrett, Boston	R	37	4	14	1	19	1	.947
Turner, New York	R	30	3	14	1	18	2	.944
Niggeling, Washington	R	26	6	25	2	33	2	.939
Muncrief, St. Louis	R	27	5	26	2	33	2	.939
Bagby, Cleveland	R	25	13	47	4	64	3	.938
Page, New York	L	20	2	12	1	15	1	.933
Grove, Chicago	R	33	12	55	3	72	3	.931
Johnson, Boston	L	26	4	23	2	29	2	.931
Ruffing, New York	R	11	2	11	1	14	1	.929
Bevens, New York	R	29	10	39	4	53	5	.925
O'Neill, Boston	R	24	5	31	3	39	3	.923
Orrell, Detroit	R	12	4	8	1	13	0	.923
Holcombe, New York	R	23	2	10	1	13	1	.923
Zoldak, St. Louis	L	26	3	9	4	13	0	.923
Hafin, Boston	R	20	8	26	3	37	2	.919
Reynolds, Cleveland	R	44	11	44	5	60	3	.917
Johnson, Chicago	L	29	1	10	1	12	1	.917
Carrasquel, Washington	R	35	6	26	3	35	1	.914
Gerkin, Philadelphia	R	31	3	24	3	32	1	.906
Flores, Philadelphia	R	29	14	23	4	41	3	.902
Trout, Detroit	R	41	13	48	9	87	1	.897
Mueller, Detroit	R	26	6	20	3	29	0	.897
Eaton, Detroit	R	17	4	11	2	17	0	.882
Holborow, Washington	R	15	1	3	1	5	0	.800
Gassaway, Philadelphia	L	24	3	20	4	29	1	.793
Humphries, Chicago	R	22	3	19	6	28	0	.786

Less Than Ten Games.

	Throws.	G.	PO.	A.	E.	DP.	Pct.
Embree, Cleveland	R	8	3	15	0	0	1.000
Bowles, Philadelphia	R	8	5	6	0	0	1.000
Feller, Cleveland	R	9	7	4	0	0	1.000
Chandler, New York	R	4	3	5	0	0	1.000
Bridges, Detroit	R	4	2	4	0	0	1.000
Masterson, Washington	R	4	2	4	0	0	1.000
Fowler, Philadelphia	R	7	1	4	0	0	1.000
Appleton, St. Louis-Washington	R	8	0	5	0	1	1.000
Schreiber, New York	R	2	0	4	0	1	1.000
Roche, Washington	R	2	0	3	0	0	1.000

CATCHERS

Name and Club	Throws	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP	Pct.	PB
Robinson, New York	R	45	186	16	0	202	3	1.000	0
Desautels, Philadelphia	L	10	8	3	0	11	1	1.000	1
Richards, Detroit	R	83	361	44	2	407	7	.995	4
Garbark, Boston	R	67	249	31	2	282	9	.993	6
Walters, Boston	R	38	108	23	2	144	2	.986	3
Hayworth, St. Louis	R	55	216	23	2	241	5	.992	1
Drescher, New York	R	33	101	13	1	115	1	.991	4
Ferrell, Washington	R	83	331	64	4	399	3	.990	31
Guerra, Washington	R	38	163	28	2	193	3	.990	10
Hayes, Phila.-Cleveland	R	151	639	91	8	738	29	.989	14
Mancuso, St. Louis	R	115	467	55	6	528	10	.989	5
Steiner, Cleveland-Boston	R	28	78	14	1	91	5	.989	9
Swift, Detroit	R	94	358	60	5	423	12	.988	7
Rosar, Philadelphia	R	85	338	54	5	397	6	.987	4
Tresh, Chicago	R	150	575	102	11	688	7	.984	6
Crompton, New York	R	33	105	18	2	125	1	.984	3
Holm, Boston	R	57	170	30	4	204	3	.980	5
McDonnell, Cleveland	R	23	85	12	2	99	4	.980	2
Ruszkowski, Cleveland	R	14	63	14	2	79	2	.975	3
Evans, Washington	R	41	160	19	5	184	2	.973	9
Garbark, New York	R	59	202	41	7	250	10	.972	1
George, Philadelphia	R	46	161	14	5	180	3	.972	2
Castino, Chicago	R	25	32	7	2	41	1	.951	3

Less Than 10 Games

Name and Club	Throws	G.	PO.	A.	E.	DP.	Pct.	PB.
Pytlak, Boston	R	6	17	6	0	0	1.000	0
Pruett, Philadelphia	R	4	12	1	0	0	1.000	0
Miller, Detroit	R	2	4	1	0	0	1.000	0
Welch, Detroit	R	1	3	1	0	1	1.000	0
Schultz, St. Louis	R	4	15	1	1	0	.941	0
Astroth, Philadelphia	R	8	20	4	1	0	.857	0

Unseeded Player In Indoor Semis

New York, Dec. 24 (AP).—Unseeded Alex Hetzeck of Detroit surprised today by beating second-seeded Fred Scribner of New York, 6—1, 6—4, to enter the semifinals of the Eastern indoor junior tennis championships.

Top-ranked Sidney Schwartz of Brooklyn reached the round of four by turning back Marvin Mantin, New York, 6—0, 6—4.

Metzeck meets Walter Dockerill of New Rochelle, N. Y., in the semi-final.

Richard Mouledous of New Orleans and Gilbert Bogley of Chevy Chase, Md., also advanced to the final of the boys' singles yesterday. Mouledous beat Robert Haft, New York, —0, 6—1, while Bogley defeated William Long, New York, 6—2, 6—3.

Trojans Test Pasadena Turf; Aguirre Injured

Pasadena, Calif., Dec. 25 (U.P.).—University of Southern California's football squad will test the Rose Bowl turb here in one of two workouts scheduled for tomorrow after a Christmas Day layoff, Coach Jeff Cravath said tonight.

Cravath excused Right Tackle John Aguirre, who injured his shoulder last week, from tomorrow's double workouts, but said Aguirre would be in shape New Year's Day.

Puerto Ricans to Play Basketball in U. S.

Miami, Fla., Dec. 25 (AP).—Puerto Rico's championship Universtiy of Puerto Rico basketball team leaves for Chicago tonight en route to play the Valparaiso, Ind., quintet on January 3 and 9 in the first half of a home-and-home series.

The team will also play at Bowling Green, Ohio, on January 5 and will meet an All-Star team at Mobile, Ala.

Ex-Servicemen Signed For Cubs' Tulsa Farm

Chicago, Dec. 24 (INS).—The Cubs today signed four former servicemen for their Texas League farm club in Tulsa, Okla.

The signed players were Gene McCarthy, outfielder and first baseman from Chicago; Alvin Leedy, righthanded pitcher from Chicago; Wayne Harrington, lefthander from Baltimore; and Jim Myers, Vineland, N. J., first baseman.

Gulf Stream

By the Associated Press

1—¾; $2000; 3-year-olds up; claiming.

Flying Hero	110	Miss Peg	107
Black Grip	117	Ellen's Slam	107
Our Boss	117	Midluck	112
Jole	117	La Reinette	108
Oldcomstead	117	Garden Pea	117
Here Goes	117	Rough Kid	110
Short Life	117	Son's Highland	112
Cold Shower	112	Swimaleed	117

2—¾; $2000; 3-year-olds; claiming.

Cohall	108	Freddie's Game	111
Ballyrag	111	Kimberley	116
Short Stay	108	Margus	104
Bienco	111	Electron	111
Prominencia	108	Fjord	113
On Board	114	Lovan Day	107
Wild Agent	114	Sun Fly	110
Play Easy	110	Limehouse	116

3—¾; $2000; 3-year-olds; allowances.

Schoolman	108	Tirescone Time	110
Raimest	116	Max O'Sullivan	118
Indique	115	Muy Triste	110
King's Pride	105	†On the River	113
Yeanore	105	Little Benny	105
Instanter	110	Stage Set	106
Butchie	108	Grand Surprise	115
†Red Flare	110	Par Plus	110

†O. Fleischman and M. Wenter entry.

4—¾; $2000; 3-year-olds up; claiming.

†Noonday Sun	115	Winning Bid	108
Army Glider	113	Dames	112
Butler	116	John's Bird	103
†Darby Duncan	116	Crazy Horse	118
Miss Lavender	106	Liberty Pan	113
Yaldina Bright	112	Leicester	107
Copperman	118	Ginokum	108
Sun Flame	107

Mary Haworth's Mail

Girl From West Plans Formal Church Wedding To Man in East; But She Is Worried Because She Can't Muster Relative to Give Her Away

DEAR MARY HAWORTH: A young man in the service, who hails from the East, is engaged to marry a girl he met in the West. The girl has now come to stay with her fiance's family until he gets his Army discharge, which will be in about two weeks. They plan to be married soon afterward.

Her problem is this: They would like a regular church wedding, with all the frills and furbelows every young bride craves. However, although she has a father, a brother and a brother-in-law, none of the three can be present to give her in marriage. They live thousands of miles away and none of them has the time or money to spend on such a lengthy trip.

Nearby Uncle Won't Oblige

THE GIRL has an uncle who lives only two States away (a matter of a few hundred miles), and she has asked him to do the honors—as well he might. But he is unwilling. He argues that he does not know the young man; and he also feels it is not his place to give her away when she has closer male relatives. He maintains this attitude even though the girl's mother has written to say the family is well pleased with her choice of husband.

The girl is very discouraged. She had confidently counted on her uncle to perform this service and now she doesn't know what to do. Could a close mutual friend of the engaged couple—a man from another city—fill this role? Or would that be wrong etiquette? The girl wants all details of the formal church rites to be in good taste. Your prompt suggestions will be much appreciated. L. R.

Sponsor Optional At Formal Rites

DEAR L. R.: A specialist in these matters tells me your friend is needlessly distressed; that it is good form, according to modern social usage, to have a formal church wedding without anyone's going through the motions of "giving the bride away."

This authority says that amongst scores of church weddings of brides "to the manner born," which she has reviewed in guest capacity in the last 10 years, probably not more than half observed this optional detail.

A girl may have male protectors aplenty—devoted father, brother, uncle or godfather—to gallantly support her thus if desired; and yet her mentors, in planning the wedding, may omit the symbolic flourish simply to give the spotlight fully to the bride as she advances to the altar in angel finery.

For the same reason, my consultant says, many weddings which include this sentiment are so planned that the person who gives the bride away does not figure in the processional, but emerges briefly from a front-row pew for his part in the ritual at the designated moment. Incidentally, the mother or grandmother (in an all-feminine household) sometimes does the "give away," although usually at small quiet marriage services.

Friend May Lend Supporting Arm

IT IS permissible, of course, for a bride without closer sponsors available to elect a man friend to give her in marriage; but according to polite decree, he should be a longtime family associate, preferably of paternal age. A recent acquaintance of her own age would not fill the bill, from the viewpoint of good taste.

Now, to sum up the expert's counsel: The girl may give herself in marriage, so to speak, and still have a flawless full-dress religious ceremony, simply by arranging in advance to omit the ritual query on that score. Further, she may do this and yet have masculine escort in the processional, if she likes. In which case, the mutual friend from another city would answer the purpose. If this suggestion is followed, presumably he of the supporting arm would fade into a front pew or retire into the ranks of ushers or other bride's attendants during the ceremony. M. H.

Mary Haworth counsels through her column, not by mail or personal interview. Write her in care of The Post.

The Gentler Sex

By Malvina Lindsay

The Peace Lovers

I.

There's no better neighbor than myself,
Said Mrs. Napoleon Chipp,
But I stand up for all my rights,
I take nobody's lip.

II.

I back my children and my dog,
Whenever they disagree
With other peoples' kids or mutts,
No one runs over me!

III.

In spirit I'm most harmonious,
Despite what cats say in my club,
But I yield no inch on any stand,
And I pay back every snub.

IV.

'Tis true there are many whom I know,
With whom I cannot get along,
But you'll always find in these disputes,
The others are in the wrong.

V.

I'm not afraid of anyone,
Boasted Master Freddy Swagg,
Just see the muscle in my arm,
You should watch me punch a bag!

VI.

It's not that I ever want to fight
The kids on my playground,
But if I don't stand up for all my rights,
I may be pushed around.

VII.

You see, I play with a tough lot,
I have to hold my own,
Or else I might get a sneak blow,
Somewhere on my backbone!

VIII.

I'm never one to start a fight,
But I must save my pride,
If anyone becomes too fresh,
I invite him to step outside.

IX.

The only way to keep the peace,
Declaimed Mr. Barkis Ruff,
Is to show the nations with whom we deal,
That we are plenty tough.

X.

Oh, I am much opposed to war,
A third one I'd never demand,
It's just that I think we should play our cards
With a firm and crafty hand.

XI.

"They gotta quit kickin' our dog around!"
Now that is my axiom,
We've appeased enough—and another thing,
We have the atom bomb!

XII.

Now everyone knows that we want peace,
We ask no islands, deserts or veldts,
But we ought to serve notice on a tricky world,
It's got to behave—or else!

Author Spends Christmas Here

Roland L. Hill, author of "Living the Life of Rolly" and "Algerian Notebook, 1943," is spending the Christmas holidays at the Annapolis Hotel en route from Minneapolis, Minn., to New York and Florida.

Mr. Hill spent 18 months in Algiers as an officer with AUS and is finishing his newest book, "Recommended by Rolly Hill," which will be released in June.

A PASTRY BLANKET topping on a meat pie makes a hearty entree designed for the full-sized appetites that cold, blustery weather always brings. Left-overs may be utilized in an appealing way when presented in this way

Martha Ellyn's Platter Chatter

After Holiday Feasting Comes Perennial Problem of Leftovers

After the Christmas feast there are many leftovers that may be turned into tempting entrees. The turkey, chicken or roast and rich gravy may be combined with other foods, topped with a rich pastry blanket and baked to delicousness.

Or if you want to make up a tempting main dish, consider individual casseroles of beef steak pie, accented with wine flavored gravy. You'll find this way of preparing the less tender cuts of beef that are now in the market will produce succulent tenderness.

These casseroles may be prepared in advance and about 20 minutes before the serving hour, may be popped into the oven. The rest of the menu will be simple. Here is a suggestion:

DINNER MENU
Individual Beef Steak Pies
Green Peas Vegetable Salad
Hot Rolls
Orange-Cranberry Relish
Eggnog Pie Coffee

Beef steak pie that's all beef and wine gravy is a dish especially designed to please men. Red table wines such as Claret, Burgundy, Cabernet or Chianti may be served. Any of these wines are suitable for making the casserole, too. Here is a recipe for the pie:

BEEF STEAK PIE

Trim suet from 1½ pounds round steak and fry out the suet in skillet. Cut steak into ¾ inch cubes. Dredge in ¼ cup flour to which has been added 1 teaspoon salt and ⅛ teaspoon pepper. Add cooking fat to fried-out suet if necessary to brown the onions and steak. Add 2 sliced onions and steak to hot fat and brown. Remove onions to plate to be added to meat after meat has cooked 20 minutes. Add ½ cup water and ¼ cup red table wine to the steak and simmer, covered, for 20 minutes. Add the onions and ½ cup more wine and more water if necessary to keep meat and onions simmering in the gravy. Cook 20 minutes. Remove meat and onion to baking dishes. If gravy is too thin, thicken with flour—about 1 tablespoonful that has been made into a paste with water, and added to the mixture. Cook, stirring constantly, until thickened and smooth. Pour over meat and onions in individual casseroles and top with rich pastry. Bake in hot oven, 400 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes until pastry is browned. Serves four.

Eggnog Pie is a dessert that carries the Christmas spirit. You'll find it as easy to make as any other pie. This is the recipe:

EGGNOG PIE

Sprinkle 1 envelope unflavored gelatin (1 T) over ¼ cup cold milk. Mix 1 tablespoon cornstarch, ¼ teaspoon salt and 3 tablespoons sugar together. Add 1¾ cups milk. Cook over low heat stirring constantly until slightly thickened. Cover and cook for 10 minutes. Add the softened gelatin, stir until dissolved. Beat 2 egg yolks, add the milk mixture slowly; cook over low heat for 3 minutes. Chill, until slightly thickened. Beat 2 egg whites until stiff. Add 3 tablespoons sugar gradually, beating constantly, fold into the custard. Add 2 teaspoons brandy flavoring or rum. Pour into a 9-inch baked pie shell. Sprinkle with nutmeg. Chill until firm.

Holiday's Fetes Honor Members Of Young Set

Yesterday belonged to the young set, so far as major social functions were concerned.

All around town the untiring deb and subdeb sets continued their record-breaking series of teas, dances and high, good fun which has characterized this particular holiday season for them. Undaunted by the dismal weather, they journed through sleet and rain from one party to another.

Nearly all the current crop of debs, together with their beaux, were at the home of Col. and Mrs. L. Corrin Strong for the 5 to 5 p. m. tea dance honoring three young misses who are of or in the debutante crowd.

Three Share Honors

Sharing honors were Miss Mary Beal, debutante daughter of Mrs. Joseph Darling, Miss Katharine Stanley-Brown, daughter of Mrs. Rudolph Stanley-Brown, and Miss Alice Wadsworth, daughter of Representative and Mrs. James W. Wadsworth of New York.

The two last-named girls are not being formally presented to Washington society this season, but are taking an active part in the debutante social program. Miss Wadsworth, who is attending Bryn Mawr College, is here for the holidays with her parents.

Among the parties planned by Miss Beal is a dance, December 29, which Mrs. Duncan Phillips will give at her home for 100 guests.

Out on Kalmia rd., Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wyatt and their daughters, the Misses Laura Belle and Jane Wyatt, entertained at their annual "Open House" during the hours from 5 to 7 p. m.

Families Exchange Greetings

It was, as always at the Wyatt household, a gay and informal party, with whole families dropping by to exchange greetings. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Smith were there with her daughter, Miss Florence Fisher, who is spending the holidays in Washington for the first time in several years, having returned only a few months ago from a tour of duty overseas with the Red Cross.

The New Zealand Minister and Mrs. Berendsen were among those in attendance. They came after the luncheon at the legation which they gave for Prime Minister Peter Fraser who is here en route to London.

House guests of the Wyatts over Christmas were Mrs. A. C. S. Symon, whose husband is in India on an economic mission, and Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Hawkes.

Prominent on the list of Christmas dinner parties was the one given by Prince and Princess Pignatelli in honor of her son, Huntington Hartford, lately arrived home from overseas service. And earlier in the day, much earlier, in fact, Mr. and Mrs. Constantine de Stackelberg asked their friends in for a pre-luncheon eggnog party.

Visit in Atlantic City

Senator Joseph Guffey and his sisters, the Misses Ida and Pauletta Guffey, are spending the Christmas holidays at the Claridge Hotel, Atlantic City, N. J.

Undine Nye Becomes Bride Of Army Man

Little Church of Fort Lincoln was the scene of a wedding Sunday afternoon when Miss Undine Nye, daughter of Mrs. Fernando C. Nye and the late Mr. Nye, West Jefferson, N. C., was united in marriage with Capt. Harry Elwood LeGrand, AUS, son of Mr. and Mrs. William P. LeGrand, Mebane, N. C. The Rev. Edgar Beckett officiated.

The bride was attired in a powder blue wool dressmaker suit with matching hat and corsage of white roses. She was given in marriage by Lieut. Col. Robert B. Nye, her brother.

Miss Ruth Hayes, Johnson City, Tenn., was maid of honor, in a beige suit with pink accessories and corsage of pink roses.

Best man was Maj. Wayne A. Chambers, Omaha, Nebr., and Bruce Benton, Washington, was the usher.

Mrs. LeGrand was graduated from the Woman's College, University of North Carolina, and was an instructor of commercial subjects in a North Carolina high school before she was employed by the War Department.

Captain LeGrand recently returned from two years' overseas duty in the European theater of operations. He was graduated from the University of North Carolina and was a geologist before he entered the service.

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Town Talk

By Eva Hinton

GEORGETOWN is like an old English village on Christmas Eve, thick snow in the streets, lights shining from the windows of Georgian houses, people hurrying along, as the chimes of Christ Church call them to the midnight service with sweetly clanging notes.

Inside the church one finds warmth and the nostalgic perfume of Christmas greens. Wide-awake little choir boys open their mouths like baby birds asking for food but the sounds that come out are much sweeter.

For half an hour the choir and congregation sing carols lustily. Then comes the service with a few words by the rector. "Men of good will! It takes courage to be of good will and to be good! Innocence is not goodness. A baby is innocent but one who fights against his sins becomes good."

The choir boys are getting very, very sleepy. Their eyes are round and glazed, their lips barely move. But they manage to find the dreaming notes somewhere, 'way back in their round little heads, "Silent night, Holy night, All is calm, All is bright."

The congregation goes to Communion at the altar-rail in long, quiet lines. People return to their seats with peaceful faces. They kneel in prayer and from time to time idly watch the others returning from the altar.

WHAT good, kind people they are, men of what GOOD will! An American bluejacket with his family, two pretty Wacs (one a major, the other a captain), a man whom I've always known either on the dance floor or on the tennis court, a handsome British admiral and three U. S. Navy captains, the head of the AWVS, and in different parts of the church, three members of the AWVS Motor Corps and one of their passengers, a British colonel with his sweet little wife, lonely old people, and whole families.

"Hark the herald angels sing!" The little choir boys march out with stars in their eyes while visions of sugar plums and downy white pillows dance in their heads. The chimes ring out to ring us home through the snow. "Merry Christmas" to the rector standing in the church porch, and to our friends. Oh, PLEASE make it a Merry Christmas for everybody! Not this Christmas, it's too late! But PLEASE next Christmas!

MUCH earlier in the day the Andre de Limurs dispensed Christmas cheer in their house full of flowers and friends. One corner of the dining room was full of a gay Christmas tree, too!

Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Howard Davidson came from next door, the general looking very Christmassy indeed with more colorful decorations than I've ever seen on any one person. Gen. Sir Gordon Macready and Lady Macready were there and Jack Thacher from Dumbarton Oaks across the way.

"She's the perfect hostess," said Francois Charles-Roux of Mrs. de Limur, who was ably seconded by her sister, charming Mrs. Henry Potter Russell of San Francisco, and by Major de Limur.

Said a very correct lady in my ear, "Are you going to the Laurence Smiths? Well, you should go even if you're not asked! There are so many people that they'd never know you were there and you could write about their fascinating creche, huge figures, all made by their children's nurse!"

It was a novel idea, but no one wanted to leave the De Limurs, least of all myself. So I was the VERY last to say goodby, having firmly waited until I'd heard Mrs. De Limur say to the impeccable Ridgewell, "Don't forget, I expect you again on this same date next year!"

P. S—The French butler, Lucien, is an artist at polishing silver and has been known to beg friends of his employers to bring him their silver to polish in his spare time.

Miss Bryan Is Engaged

Col. and Mrs. Curtis F. Bryan, Tulsa, Okla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Frances Joan Bryan, to Midshipman William Haley Rogers, son of Mrs. Maxwell G. Oliver and the late Colonel Oliver, Washington.

The bride-elect attended Holland Hall School for Girls, Tulsa, and is now a student at Wellesley College. Midshipman Rogers formerly lived in Texas where he attended Texas A. and M. College. At present he is a first classman at the United States Naval Academy.

Christmas Open House

Resuming their pleasant custom of keeping open house on Christmas, their first since the outbreak of the war, Col. George W. Cocheu, USA (retired), and Mrs. Cocheu received a large group of friends Monday night at their home on Foxhall rd. The party began at 8:30 and lasted until a late hour.

Wideman's Parents Of Son, Francis

Lieut. and Mrs. Frank J. Wideman, jr., announce the birth of a son, Monday, at Georgetown University Hospital. Mrs. Wideman is the former Miss Sarah Frances Tucker, granddaughter of the late Anna Washington Tucker, who was born at Mount Vernon, the daughter of the last private owner of the national shrine.

Lieutenant Wideman, a member of the Marine Corps, is stationed on Saipan. The infant's name is Francis James Wideman 3d.

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Aboard James Woodrow

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—Arrivals aboard the steamship James Woodrow, due here tomorrow, are scheduled to include:

WASHINGTON

Thomas, T/5 George W., 4622 Hunt pl. ne.
Dozier, Pfc. Devigor J., 4504 Jay st. ne.
Jenkins, Pfc. Alexander, 3573 Warder st. nw.
Matthews, Pfc. Bernard J., 55 Myrtle st.
Rochester, Pfc. James, jr., 4215 Grant st. ne.
Schools, Pfc. Edward L., 1541 1st st. se.
Moore, S/Sergt. Leroy, 1018 3d st. ne.
Carpenter, Sergt. Lee S., 737 Kenyon st. nw.
Richardson, T/4 Samuel, 1518 N. J. ave. nw.
Bruce, T/5 Dudley, 419 V st. nw.
Harrison, T/5 Elton E., 3113 Stanton rd. se.
Miles, T/5 B. T., 1224 Walter pl. se.
Primrose, T/5 Quintard A., 63 I st. nw.
Robinson, T/5 Jas. C., 1894 Stanton ter. nw.

MARYLAND

Seeney, T/5 William H., Barclay.
Walley, T/5 James A., Easton.
Miller, Pfc. William H., Sparrows Point.
Rawlings, S/Sergt. Garnett E., Cumberland.
Taylor, Sergt. Edward D., Salisbury.
Pitts, T/4 David L., Prince Georges.
Bishop, T/5 Albert L., Towson.
Neal, T/5 William D., Parole.

VIRGINIA

Kirkpatrick, Pfc. William M., Leesburg.
Bonds, Pvt. William L., Richmond.
Hughes, Sergt. John R., Chase City.
Laupin, Sergt. Charles, Crozet.
Blount, T/4 Emmitt J., Emporia.
Johnson, T/4 Daniel E., Dahlgren.
Smith, T/4 James, Glade Spring.
Mayo, Corpl. William L., Portsmouth.
Person, Corpl. Nathan A., Emporia.
Porter, Corpl. James, jr., Suffolk.
Archer, T/5 Louis, Tunstall.
Via, T/5 Charlie S., Bassett.
Bentley, Pfc. James B., Midlothian.
Dodson, Pfc. Jordan, Wellville.
Green, Pfc. Moses S., Nottoway.
Harris, Pfc. Alexander, Richmond.
Kerns, Pfc. Edward, Petersburg.
Knight, Pfc. Hugh, Waterville.
Lawson, Pfc. Herman V., Portsmouth.
Saunders, Pfc. Clayton, Portsmouth.
Simpson, Pfc. Samuel, Norfolk.
Smith, Pfc. George V., North Mathew.
Smith, Pfc. Karoy, Suffolk.
Braxton, T/5 Granville R., Keswick.
Clary, /5 John, Meredithville.
Covington, T/5 Willie J., Suffolk.
McCollum, T/5 Eleazar, Portsmouth.
Crumbley, T/5 Alvin, Newport-News.
McIntyre, T/5 Earl I., Danville.
Daniel, T/5 Floyd T., Appomattox.
Ragsdale, T/5 Guy T., Blue Ridge.
Daniels, T/5 Wilton E., Madison Heights.
Rouse, T/5 Nathaniel, Petersburg.
Gretter, T/5 Harrison J., Portsmouth.
Stanley, T/ John T., Petersburg.
Nyson, T/5 Robert D., Arlington.
Savage, Pvt. Aaron, Suffolk.
Lawrence, T/5 Leroy, Richmond.

Arriving at Boston

Boston, Dec. 25.—Arrivals aboard the Bret Harte, due here today, are scheduled to include:

WASHINGTON

Weart, T/4 John W.
Koester, Pfc. John H.
Mostom, Pfc. Charles.

MARYLAND

Schwallenberg, T/4 Theodore, Rt. 4, Annapolis.

VIRGINIA

Ross, Corpl. Willis L., Norfolk.
Boyd, T/5 Jay R., Ararat.
Hurley, T/4 Elster K., Bristol.
Thomas, T/5 Raymond D., Ewig.
Birkett, Pfc. James W., Arlington.
Kendall, Pvt. Claude E., Newcastle.
Watkins, Pvt. Lewis W., Norfolk.

Aboard General Brewster

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—Arrivals aboard the General Brewster here December 23 were scheduled to include:

VIRGINIA

Roberts, First Sergt. Ebert H., Wise.
Stanley, M/Sergt. Harry G., Salem.
Gorley, S/Sergt. John F., Ashland.
Johnson, S/Sergt. Merritt, Suffolk.
Martin, S/Sergt. Norborne W., jr., Richmond.
Blankenship, Sergt. Grafton E., jr., Lynchburg.
Brown, Sergt. Raymond E., Roanoke.
Heflin, Sergt. Thaddeus M., jr., Fredericksburg.
Hobbs, Sergt. Rex T., Toms Creek.
Reed, Sergt. Charles W., jr., Danville.
Swadley, Sergt. Charles O., Hot Springs.
Briers, Corpl. Thomas E., Richmond.
Brooks, Corpl. Melvin, Richmond.
Hurd, Corpl. Jesse W., Axton.
Sitterson, Corpl. Arthur L., Richmond.
Walker, Corpl. Willard L., Danville.
Arthur, T/5 Terrell H., Hurt.
Gilliam, T/5 Ed R., Wise.
Harper, T/5 Harry A., Lucketts.
Kirby, T/5 Clarence H., Lexington.
Harvell, S/Sergt. Charles S., Wakefield.
Woodall, S/Sergt. Matthew M., Covington.
Bond, Sergt. Kenneth H., Bluefield.
Clark, Sergt. William C., West Point.
Watson, T/4 Hubert L., Newport News.
Kitts, Corpl. Dulane F., jr., Wytheville.
Unrue, Corpl. Robert L., Roanoke.
Boone, T/5 Sampson, Norfolk.
Dison, T/5 James R., Dungannon.
Duncan, T/5 Elisha, Horsepen.
Halsey, T/5 Alfred, Tweedale.
Price, T/5 Franklin T., Charlottesville.
Burger, Pfc. Burney C., New Castle.
Crigger, Pfc. Albert B., Hardy.
Harmath, Pfc. Joseph A., Mascot.
March, Pfc. Louis, Winchester.
Winn, Pfc. Robert J., Portsmouth.
Boyd, Pfc. Winfred P., Swords Creek.
Whitehart, Pfc. Cecil B., Lynchburg.
Talley, Pfc. Irvine W., Arlington.
Lawrence, Pvt. Orvalle W., Rimrod Hall.
Lynn, Maj. John L., Richmond.
Deane, 2nd Lieut. Stuart R., Richmond.
Corbett, S/Sergt. Robert J., Newport News.
Kaldenbach, S/Sergt. Lester, Arlington.
Michelstein, T/4 Herbert F., Harrisonburg.
Brundage, Corpl. Chas. F., jr., N. Arlington.
Buchanan, Pfc. Edison, Coeburn.
Ewell, Pfc. Roy A., Bloxom.
Rinman, Mitchell L., Parksley.
Kiser, Pfc. William V., Hazel.
Richardson, Pfc. Ira L., Roanoke.
Sergent, Pfc. Willard H., Esserville.
Mearns, M/Sergt. Francis L., Chimney Field.

MARYLAND

Pogie, Pfc. Clarence M., Frederick.
Bull, Pfc. Rexford A., Eastport.
Moore, Pfc. John T., Frederick.
Saunders, DPC Frank D., Chevy Chase.
Canatella, T/5 Vincent S., Dundalk.
Deneen, Sergt. Raymond D., Cumberland.
Kraft, Sergt. Lewis J., Fullerton.
Moorhead, Sergt. William A., Essex.
Devlin, Corpl. Ignatius J., Lonaconing.
Kernan, Corpl. Vernon J., jr., Arbutus.
Paul, Corpl. Benjamin, Hagerstown.
Wilhide, T/4 Paul T., Frederick.

British Patrols In Java Meet Opposition

Batavia, Dec. 25 (U.P.)—Clashes between British patrols and Indonesian extremists were reported Christmas Day in widely-separated areas of Java.

The British ran into fairly strong opposition at several points, particularly in the Soerabaja and Bandoeng areas, where nationalist fighters still were trying to erect road blocks.

Dutch to Meet British

London, Dec. 25 (U.P.)—The joint Dutch-British campaign to suppress Indonesian uprisings in the Netherlands Indies will be discussed here tomorrow by top-ranking executives of the two countries.

Prime Minister Clement Atlee and other British officials will meet with a Dutch delegation led by Premier Willem Schermerhorn which will fly from the Hague.

Actual agenda of the talks was not announced, but their nature was clearly indicated by the presence in the Dutch delegation of J. H. A. Logemann, minister of overseas territories, Dr. Hubertus van Mook, lieutenant governor general of the Netherlands Indies, and J. H. Van Royen, deputy foreign minister. Van Mook returned from Java last week to report to the home government.

Logemann had revealed in the Dutch parliament that the discussions would be "partly military, partly international."

Prizes for Eggs, Chicks

Baltimore, Dec. 25 (AP).—Eggs and chicks will win cash prizes at the fourteenth annual Poultry Products Show in Baltimore, January 8 and 9, Dr. Morley A. Jull, head of the poultry department of the University of Maryland, has announced. Prices range from 50 cent sto $18.75.

Peace-Loving Picket Keeps Bleak Vigil

Save for a peace-loving picket, the street scene in front of the White House was bleak and alone with its fame for awhile yesterday.

Despite rain that turned to graveled ice on Pennsylvania ave. pavements, Nathan Horwitz, 27-year-old bachelor war objector began a six-hour vigil in galoshes at 11 a. m.

"Jesus was a pacifist, too," Horwitz asserted. "Christmas is a specially appropriate day to picket."

Horwitz deliver his Christmas message to Washington wearing blue jeans, a plaid wool shirt, black overcoat, dripping brown hat and canvas sign asking: "Amnesty for War Objectors."

"We want to get our friends out of prison," he asserted. "There are thousands in prison now because they believe in the teachings of Jesus."

He distributed pamphlets asking a presidential pardon of war objectors still held in prison.

Horwitz said he had been in prison himself. "I refused to show up for induction. Conscientious objector camps are concentration camps for slave labor."

Passersby were few.

Even squirrels and pigeons had taken refuge from the avenue.

Prince Akihito Celebrates His 12th Birthday

Tokyo (Sunday), Dec. 23 (AP).—Crown Prince Akihito celebrated his twelfth birthday today in a quiet way highlighted by a rare reunion with his parents, sisters and his brother.

On a strict schedule, Akihito journeyed from his elaborate detached palace at 10 a. m. to the imperial palace—only a few blocks away—for the first meeting with the Emperor and Empress in more than a month. After luncheon, the prince was scheduled to return to his own residence at 3 p. m.

The crown prince was separated from his parents for a year and a half while living in Nikko during the latter part of the war. He returned to Tokyo in November.

What's Going On And Where

Entertainment for Service Men and Women

Victory Canteen for Service Men and Women, 1113 Pennsylvania ave. nw., club opens 11 a. m.

Servicemen's Ticket Booth, Post Square, 8 st. and Pennsylvania ave. nw., 4 to 8:30 p. m.

Army-Navy Masonic Servicemen's Center, 13th st. and New York ave. nw., 1 p. m.

Pepsi-Cola Canteen for Servicemen of the United Nations, Inc., checking, showers, lounge, all day.

USO, 1911 H st. nw., holiday barn dance, 8:30 p. m.

Public Events

Corcoran Gallery of Art, Merchant Seaman's painting exhibit; Navy photos of combat in the Pacific; other exhibits; open noon to 4:30 p. m.

National Gallery of Art, 6th st. and Constitution ave. nw., general survey tours, 11 a. m. and 3 p. m.; open 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.

National Archives, exhibit of Japanese and German surrender documents, open 8:45 a. m. to 5:15 p. m.

Died

BAIRD, HATTIE D. On Saturday, December 22, 1945, at her residence, 5234 Arbutus ave., Baltimore, Md., MATTIE D. BAIRD, formerly of 1722 Kilbourne pl. nw., beloved sister of Emma Baird and aunt of Susie I. Duffy and Fred T. Duffy. Funeral from Chambers funeral home, 517 11th st. se., on Wednesday, December 26, at 2 p. m. Interment Glenwood Cemetery.

BENN, JAMES ROBINSON. Suddenly on Thursday, December 20, 1945, at his residence, 2627 So. 24 st., Arlington, Va., JAMES ROBERTSON BENN, beloved husband of the late Laura Virginia Benn and father of John D., James R., William C. and Sergt. Charles D. Benn. He is also survived by two brothers, Matthew Benn of Sacramento, Calif., and George Benn of Fanlah, N. Dak. Remains resting at Ivey funeral home, 2847 Wilson blvd., Arlington, Va., until Wednesday, December 26, at 10 a. m., thence to his late residence where funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Interment National Memorial Park, Falls Church, Va.

BRUN, CONSTANTIN. On Sunday, December 23, 1945, at his residence, 1605 22d st. nw., CONSTANTIN BRUN. Services at the S. H. Hines Co. funeral home, 14th st. nw., on Friday, December 28, at 3 p. m. Interment private.

BURKHART, SUSIE L. Suddenly, on Sunday, December 23, 1945, at the residence of her daughter, 3809 37th st., Mount Rainier, Md., SUSIE L. BURKHART (nee Leskins), the beloved mother of Achsah B. Warder, grandmother of Mrs. Lois Todd, great-grandmother of Joan Todd. Funeral from Chambers Riverdale funeral home on Wednesday, December 26, at 2 p. m. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery. (Baltimore and Frederick, Md., papers, please copy.)

CARPENTER, LEONARD C. On Monday, December 24, 1945, at Mount Alto Hospital, LEONARD C. CARPENTER, the beloved husband of Claire J. Carpenter and brother of Roy Carpenter, Mrs. Geraldine Doyne, Mrs. Hazel Wood and Mrs. Josephine Beidin. Services at Chambers Riverdale funeral home, on Thursday, December 27, at 2 p. m. Interment in Arlington National Cemetery.

COFFMAN, ETHEL COLCLOUGH. Suddenly, on Sunday, December 23, 1945, ETHEL COLCLOUGH COFFMAN, wife of Robert D. Coffman and daughter of Frederick Colclough. Funeral from the W. W. Deal funeral home, 4812 Georgia ave. nw., on Thursday, December 27, at 2 p. m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Cedar Hill Cemetery.

DARNELL, CLARENCE E. On Monday, December 24, 1945, at his residence, 637 Eye st. nw., CLARENCE E. DARNELL, beloved son of Pauline Darnell. Remains resting at Chambers funeral home, 617 11th st. se., until Wednesday, December 26, at 3 p. m. Interment Cedar Hill Cemetery.

DUNLOP, WILLIAM LAIRD, Jr. On Sunday, December 23, 1945, at his home, 3122 38th st. nw., WILLIAM LAIRD DUNLOP, Jr., husband of the late Bessie Powell Dunlop and father of William Laird Dunlop 2d and Mrs. Oliver M. Walker. Services at the residence on Wednesday, December 26, at 11 a. m. Interment private.

GARCIA, ELIE. On Monday, December 24, 1945, at United States Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Md., ELIE GARCIA, charge d'affaires at Haiti Embassy, 4842 16th st. nw., beloved husband of May Walcott Garcia and father of John Garcia. Remains resting at Chambers funeral home, 1400 Chapin st. nw., until Friday, December 28, at 7 a. m. A solemn high mass of requiem will be celebrated at the Sacred Heart Church, 16th and Park rd. nw., at 10 a. m. The body will be placed in the mausoleum at Arlington National Cemetery temporarily, the final interment and resting place at Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

GILCHRIST, CLARA L. Suddenly, on Monday, December 24, 1945, at her residence, 5601 32d st. nw., CLARA L. GILCHRIST, beloved wife of Arthur Gilchrist and mother of Sergt. Arthur Gilchrist, jr., and Mrs. Gertrude Bell. Friends may call at the Lee funeral home, 4th st. and Mass. ave. nw., until 1 p. m Friday, December 28; thence to the Church of the Epiphany, 1317 G st. nw., where services will be held at 2 p. m. Interment Rock Creek Cemetery

HESSLER, SAMUEL S., Sr. On Sunday, December 23, 1945, SAMUEL S. HESSLER, Sr., husband of the late Mary A Hessler and father of Mrs. Lola V. Marks and Samuel S. Hessler, jr. Funeral from the W. W. Deal funeral home, 4812 Georgia ave. nw., on Wednesday, December 26, at 2 p. m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Glenwood Cemetery.

MARTIN, WILLIAM H. On Saturday, December 22, 1945, WILLIAM H. MARTIN of 1349 Kenyon st. nw., beloved husband of Alice M. Martin, father of Mrs. Blanche M. Beavers, Mrs. Edna Rollins and William P. Martin. Funeral from Collins funeral home, 3821 14th st. nw., on Wednesday, December 26, at 1 p. m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment National Memorial Cemetery, Falls Church, Va.

PIER, BENJAMIN E. On Monday, December 24, 1945, BENJAMIN E. PIER, beloved husband of Ruth R. Pier and father of Frank, Ernest M., Joseph H. and Robert E. Pier, Mrs. Emma L. Shell, Mrs. Grace V. Payne, Mrs. Ella M. Sheats, Mrs. Willie Stewart, Mrs. Beulah V. Crismond, Mrs. Ethel M. Jaquett and Mrs. Mildred L. Nelson. Services at Chambers funeral home, 517 11th st. se., on Thursday, December 27 at 1 p. m. Interment Cedar Hill Cemetery.

READ, GEORGIA A. On Sunday, December 23, 1945, at her home, 2116 Ariana blvd., GEORGIA A. READ, formerly of Washington, D. C., and sister of Mabel D. Read, Mrs. Edson Noyes of Haverhill, Mass., and the late Dr. Effie A. Read of Washington, D. C. Funeral, December 26, from Auburndale, Fla.

RICHARDSON, THADDEUS A. On Sunday, December 23, 1945, THADDEUS A. RICHARDSON, beloved husband of the late Mary Alice Richardson and father of Arthur B., John C., Robert I. and Lawrence E. Richardson, Mrs. Lena R. Coffman, Mrs. Lillian R. Bean and Mrs. Doris E. Talbert. Funeral from the W. W. Deal funeral home, 4812 Georgia ave. nw., on Wednesday, December 26, at 1 p. m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Cedar Hill Cemetery.

SMITH, MARIE W. On Saturday, December 22, 1945, at her residence, 3011 Ontario rd. nw., MARIE W. SMITH, beloved wife of George J. Smith, daughter of Mrs. Beasie M. Edwards and sister of Mrs. Mildred Hallinger and Mrs. Elizabeth Hauser. Services at Chambers funeral home, 1400 Chapin st. nw., on Wednesday, December 26, at 11 a. m. Interment Cedar Hill Cemetery.

STEELE, HUBERT ROY. Suddenly, on Sunday, December 23, 1945, at his residence, Haycock rd., Falls Church, Va., HUBERT ROY STEELE, beloved husband of Edna M. Steele and father of William Jefferson Steele. Remains resting at Pearson's funeral home, 472 Washington st., Falls Church, Va., where funeral services will be held on Wednesday, December 26, at 1 p. m. Interment National Memorial Park.

WOODS, ANNA DORSEY. On Friday, December 21, 1945, at her residence, 2122 California st. nw., ANNA DORSEY WOODS. Friends are invited to call at Gawler's chapel, 1750 Pa. ave. nw. Services will be held at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Wis. and Mass. aves. nw., on Wednesday, December 26, at 2 p. m. Interment Oak Hill Cemetery.

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THEY MUST HAVE FORCED HIM TO SHOW THEM THE PASSAGE...
AND THE NOISE OF THE FIGHT OUTSIDE MAKES IT SILLY FOR US TO YELL FOR HELP!...YOU FIXED IT GOOD, MISTER.
WOMEN GO IN TUNNEL!
MEANWHILE...
WEATHER EIGHT TWO, THIS IS MAJOR PAULEY—COMMANDING AN AIRBORNE RELIEF FORCE...CAN YOU CLEAR YOUR RADIO SIGNAL? TOO MUCH STATIC!.. OVER
YIPES, MAJOR, THAT'S MY PARTNER, PUMPIN' LEAD OUT, THE WINDOW! HURRY!

JOE PALOOKA

LET ME SEE YOUR LICENSE AND OWNER'S CERTIFICATE—
OFFICER—I CAN EXPLAIN...
YEAH... YOU'RE JOE PALOOKA... AN' I'M GEN. EISENHOWER....THIS IS A STOLEN CAR...DRIVE SLOW... THERE'S A STATE POLICE BARRACKS DOWN THE ROAD...
WE'RE GLAD TO HEAR THAT.
AN' DON'T ANYBODY TRY ANYTHING!
12-26

MARY WORTH

TODAY A WELL-DRESSED STRANGER GETS OFF THE NEW YORK TRAIN!
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WAIT FOR ME! I HAVE TO MAKE A PHONE CALL!
HELLO! DARCY'S RESIDENCE? I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO A--MRS. MARY WORTH!
OH!--YOU'RE HERE SO SOON?--JUST A MINUTE, PLEASE!
I'D RATHER NO ONE OVERHEARD ME TALKING TO YOU! COME STRAIGHT TO THE DARCY HOME!--I'LL MEET YOU OUT IN FRONT---!
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WEDNESDAY — WASHINGTON — E.S.T.

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	Prelude, 6:05-7. Town Clock (Trafton Robertson), 7:10-9. David Wills, 7:45. News, 6, 7, 8:30.	Bill Herson, 6-9. News, 6, 7, 7:30, 8:30. World Roundup, 8. Weather, 6:30.	Top o' the Morning, 5:32. News, 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8, 8:30, 8:55. Musical Clock, 6:05. Paiges, 8:30.	News, 6, 7, 8. Jerry Strong, Wake Up With WINX, 6:05-9.	Hunnicutt, 6-9. News, 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8:15. Devotions, 6:45.	Corn Squeezins Time, 5:45-6:45. News, 6:45, 7, 7:30, 8. Godfrey, 7-9:45. Mahoney, 7:40.
9 :00	Breakfast Club	Fun and Folly	News; Musical Clock	News; Music In Air	Clean Up Quiz	News; Godfrey
:15	" "	With Ed East and Polly	Texas Rangers	Music in the Air.	Capt. Cash	Arthur Godfrey
:30	" "	News; Melodies	Marshall Adams	Musical Reveille	" "	" "
:45	" "	Broadway Melodies	" "	" "	Bing Crosby	Home Service Daily
10 :00	My True Story	Robert St. John	News, Billy Repaid	News; Music Hall	Open House	Valiant Lady
:15	" " ; News	Lora Lawton	Faith in Our Time	Music Hall	" "	Light of the World
:30	Church Hymns	Road of Life	Round the Town	" "	News; Open House	Evelyn Winters
:45	Listening Post	Joyce Jordan	Tommy Johnson Plays	" "	Open House	Bachelor's Children
11 :00	Breakfast With	Fred Waring	News; Cecil Brown	News; Symphony	Blessed Eventor	Amanda
:15	Tom Breneman	"	Elsa Maxwell	Mendelssohn's	Tuffy Topics	Second Husband
:30	Ruth Crane	Barry Cameron	Take It Easy Time	"Italian" Symphony	Prize Show	A Woman's Life
:45	" "	David Harum	Victor Lindlahr	(Beecham)	Prize Show; News	Aunt Jenny
12 :00	News, Evans	News; Improvisations	News; Wm. Lang	WINX News	Password Please	Kate Smith Speaks
:15	Ted Malone	Look to This Day	Morton Downey	Movie Snapshots	" "	Big Sister
:30	Glamour Manor	Matinee Today	Richard Maxwell	The Latin Touch	News; Missing Persons	Helen Trent
:45	" "	" "	Swing Time	Luncheon Lyrics	Let's Sing	Our Gal Sunday
1 :00	David Wills	Nancy Osgood	News; Billy Repaid	News; Music	All Sports Parade	Life Can Be Beautiful
:15	Constance Bennett	" "	Story Book Friends	Musical Bouquet	Tony Wakeman	Ma Perkins
:30	Music Box	Music Room	Easy Rhythms	U. S. Navy Band	All Sports Parade	Young Dr. Malone
:45	(Trafton Robertson)	Morgan Beatty	John J. Anthony	" " "	Tony Wakeman	Road of Life
2 :00		(Ida Clark)	Guiding Light	News; Cedric Foster	News; Rhythm	All Sports Parade	Two on a Clue
:15	" "		Today's Children	Jane Cowl	Spotlight on Rhythm	Tony Wakeman	Perry Mason
:30	Accent on Music		Woman in White	Queen for a Day	Walter Salb, Organist	All Sports Parade	Rosemary
:45	" " "		Church Hymns	" " "	" " "	Tony Wakeman	Tena and Tim
3 :00	Al Pearce		Woman of America	WOL Open House	News; Tea for Two	All Sports Parade	Aunt Mary
:15	" "		Ma Perkins	(Russ Hodges, Dale	Tea for Two	Tony Wakeman	Janice Gray
:30	Accent on Music		Pepper Young's Family	Morgan; Variety,	" " "	All Sports Parade	News; Bob Evans
:45	Ladies Be Seated		Right to Happiness	Sports, Music, News)	" " "	Tony Wakeman	Easy Aces
4 :00	Jack Berch Show	Backstage Wife	Erskine Johnson	News; Band Wagon	All Sports Parade	G.E. House Party
:15	Accent on Music	Stella Dallas	WOL Open House	Band Wagon	Tony Wakeman	" " ; News
:30	News; Evans	Lorenzo Jones	Five Hit Tunes	Jam for Supper	All Sports Parade	Stump Us Club
:45	Hop Harrigan	Young Widow Brown	WOL Open House	" " "	Tony Wakeman	" " "
5 :00	Terry & Pirates	When a Girl Marries	News; D. C. Assignment	News; Music Hall	Band of the Day	March of Science
:15	Dick Tracy	Portia Faces Life	Superman	Music Hall	Battle of Crooners	" "
:30	Jack Armstrong	Just Plain Bill	Captain Midnight	" "	News; Theater of the Air	News; City Desk
:45	Tennessee Jed	Front Page Farrell	Tom Mix	" "		Factfinder
6 :00	Evans; Agronsky	News, Leif Eld	News, Warner; Music	WINX News	Melody Lane	Mahoney; Costello
:15	Kenny Baker; Sports	Musicade	So the Story Goes	Cleanup Time, Strong	" "	Jimmy Carroll Sings
:30	Earl Godwin	" ; Bergman	Johnson Family	Bob Wolff, Sports	Sports and News	"6:30 Show"
:45	Singing Sam	Lowell Thomas	Russ Hodges	Twilight Tales	Supper Club	News; Harsch
7 :00	Headline Edition	Chesterfield Club	Fulton Lewis, Jr.	News; Music	Romantic Rendezvous	Mommie and the Man
:15	Raymond Swing	News of the World	Symphonic Swing	by Shep Fields	Eddie Rogers' Orch	Jack Smith
:30	Lone Ranger	Man at a Grand	Frank Singiser, News	Close Harmony	News with Austed	Ellery Queen
:45	"	H. V. Kaltenborn	Inside Sports	" "	Alice Lane	" "
8 :00	Lum 'n' Abner	Mr. and Mrs. North	Carlos Molinas Orch.	News; Waltzes	News; Army Band	Jack Carson Show
:15	Elmer Davis	" " "	Furs on Parade	Book Reviews	Army Band Hour	" "
:30	Fishing and	Hildegarde	Fresh-up Show	American Operas	News; 1450 Club	Dr. Christian
:45	Hunting Club	" "	" "	" "	Jackson Lowe	" " ; News.
9 :00	Dinner at Dinty's	Eddie Cantor Show	News, G. Heatter	News; Music	News; 1450 Club	Frank Sinatra
:15	" "	" " "	Real Life Stories	Bach	Jackson Lowe	" "
:30	Invitation to Listen	Mr. District Attorney	Spotlight Bands	Concerto in F	News; 1450 Club	"Maisie"
:45	" " ; Coronet	" " "	" "	(Fischer)	Jackson Lowe	(Ann Southern)
10 :00	Counterspy	Kollege of	Auction Gallery	News; Dance Music	News; 1450 Club	Great Moments
:15	(David Harding)	Musical Knowledge	" "	by Frankie Masters	Jackson Lowe	in Music
:30	Adventures by	" "	Quiz of Two Cities	Bronze News Review	News; Super Session	Andrews Sisters
:45	Morse	" "	" " " "	Gaslight Gayeties	Super Session	" "
11 :00	News, Evans	News, Music	Voice of Washington	WINX News	MacFarlane, News	News; Daly & Sevareid
:15	Hour of Dreams	Richard Harkness	Fulton Lewis, Jr.	Musical Roundup	Gloria's Orchestra	Arch McDonald's
:30	" "	Art Mooney and Orch.	Moonmist (Organ)	Traffic Court	Brown Derby	Mountial
:45	" " "	" " "	News	" "	Jam Session	Feature Story

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7:00 p. m.—Dance Music	9:00 p. m.—Easy Listening
7:15 p. m.—" "	9:05 p. m.—" "
7:30 p. m.—Concert	9:30 p. m.—" "
7:45 p. m.—"	9:45 p. m.—" "
8:00 p. m.—News	10:00 p. m.—News
8:10 p. m.—Ballads	10:05 p. m.—Concert Hour
8:30 p. m.—American Operas	10:30 p. m.—" "
8:45 p. m.—" "	10:45 p. m.—" "

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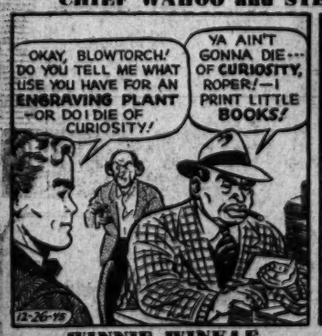
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YA AIN'T GONNA DIE—OF CURIOSITY, ROPER!—I PRINT LITTLE BOOKS!
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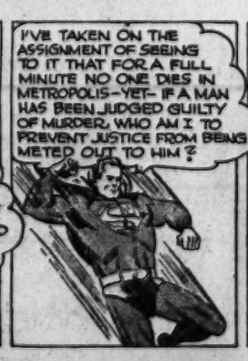
KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED

FRESH TRACKS! THE INDIAN GUIDE MUST'VE SEEN ME KILL AND ROB THE THREE MINERS! I'VE GOTTA STOP HIM....
...HE'S HEADED FOR TOWN! HE'LL TELL TH' POLICE!

PENNY

SUPERMAN


I'VE TAKEN ON THE ASSIGNMENT OF SEEING TO IT THAT FOR A FULL MINUTE NO ONE DIES IN METROPOLIS—YET—IF A MAN HAS BEEN JUDGED GUILTY OF MURDER, WHO AM I TO PREVENT JUSTICE FROM BEING METED OUT TO HIM?

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INCENTIVES *Furnish the Drive*

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THE coming year, 1946, and the years to follow can bring unprecedented prosperity to the people of the United States if the incentives to secure it are provided.

We have the advantage of starting with an economy which has demonstrated a capacity for expansion unequalled in any other country in the world. Our economy has demonstrated, also, one grave weakness—a recurring interruption of the upward trend of production and living standards by wasteful and paralyzing periods of recession. Recovery from each depression always has carried us to new heights of economic welfare, but the toll of the years of blight has been harmful to everyone.

The job ahead of us is a dual one. We must maintain the vitality of an economy which, over the years, has yielded an enormous increase in the American standard of living, and we also must improve its stability.

THE DYNAMICS OF AMERICAN PRODUCTION

In the last prewar year, 1940, the population of the United States was 3⅓ times as large as it was in 1870. But the national production, measured in dollars of constant purchasing power, was 10 times as large at the end of the period and industrial output had increased 20-fold.

In the meantime, the average number of hours of factory workers had been reduced from about 63 per week in 1870 to less than 40 in 1940, while average hourly earnings had more than trebled in dollars of constant purchasing power. Thus "real" weekly or annual wages in manufacturing had doubled over the 70-year period, even though the work-week was cut by 35 per cent. This was made possible chiefly by a tremendous increase in the quantity and quality of the mechanical facilities which were provided in American manufacturing industry. Manufacturing capital investment per worker was multiplied by 6 times over the period in question. But the return per dollar invested, while it has fluctuated widely between good years and bad, showed no general upward trend over that portion of the period for which measurement is practicable.

INCENTIVES IN AMERICAN MANUFACTURING

There has been, historically, a remarkably consistent pattern in the division of the realized income from the expanding manufacturing output of America. Reliable statistics are not available for as far back as 1870, but from 1899 through 1939 the average share of wages and salaries has been 82½ per cent against 17½ per cent as the share to investors (including dividends, interest, rents, royalties, and non-corporate profits). There have been, from year to year, relatively minor divergences from this pattern of distribution, but there is no discernible trend during the period away from the averages cited.

It is suggested that the persistence of the average 17½ per cent share of realized income from manufacturing that was maintained for the 40 years preceding World War II may represent the proportion that is needed to produce the dividends, interest, rents, royalties, and non-corporate return that will provide for the continuing investment upon which an expanding productivity such as we have had in the past depends. At any rate, it would seem reckless to depart too radically from such an established pattern at a time when unprecedentedly large private capital investment is counted on to make up for the drastic curtailment of such investment during the war years, and to carry us to the new high levels of civilian production set as our postwar goals.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF MANUFACTURING INCOME IN WAR

At the beginning of the war, the Government adopted controls and a tax program designed to prevent wartime activity from resulting in unduly swollen private returns. Due primarily to huge volumes, the profits *before* taxes of manufacturing industry were very high, but throughout the war its profits *after* taxes averaged returns no larger than they had been in good prewar years. Relative to volume, they were considerably lower than in prosperous years in the past. Again, there can be no complaint at results that generally were in accord with a national wartime policy.

But it is fair to note that the wages of manufacturing labor were allowed to increase substantially during the war. Between January 1, 1941 and April, 1945, average weekly earnings per worker increased by 77 per cent. This was, in considerable part, a result of increased working hours and a shift from low- to high-paid industries, but straight-time hourly earnings on the same jobs increased about 40 per cent against a cost-of-living rise of about 30 per cent.

The net result was to alter drastically the 40-year relationship of the 17½-82½ per cent division of Realized Income from Manufacturing. The share of wages and salaries increased to over 90 per cent, and the investment share shrunk to less than 10 per cent.

ITS POSTWAR DISTRIBUTION

This wartime shift in the proportion of distributive shares has an important bearing upon current wage controversies. With union demands for wage increases ranging up to 30 per cent, and the economists of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion asserting that an average increase of 24 per cent is feasible without raising prices, it is pertinent to inquire how such increases would affect the prewar ratios that governed realized income distribution in manufacturing.

Forecasting is always hazardous, but if we assume (1) that in 1946 we shall reach the $160 billion level of national output which the Government proponents of general wage increases expect, and (2) that there will be little increase in productivity because of the continuing process of reconversion, and (3) that the Government will succeed in carrying its announced purpose to maintain present price ceilings, it appears that a 24 per cent general wage increase would reduce the share going to capital from 17½ per cent to 11 per cent even allowing for its increased return resulting from the repeal of the excess profits tax. The prewar ratios would be about maintained if wages remained at present levels.

CONCLUSION

Since the maintenance of these prewar ratios was accompanied by an unparalleled rise in the "real wage" of American workers, there is a powerful prima facie case for not tinkering with them. It should be noted, however, that some economists think that the size of the investment share of manufacturing income tends to provide more capital than can be absorbed by a mature economy, and thus contributes to those breaks in the expansion of the economy which, as stated at the outset, have been its principal blight.

Regardless of what may ultimately prove to be the validity of this view, no one can responsibly contend that this early but crucial stage in the reconversion process is the time to test it. Now, no one knows whether, or what dimension of, additional wage increases can be supported without forcing up prices or reducing profits to a point that will discourage vitally needed private capital investment.

We want high and increasing wages in American manufacturing. We need them to provide an active incentive to workers to support expanding productivity, as well as to continue the trend of rising living standards in America. Equally, we need a continuing profit incentive of sufficient attractiveness to call forth the new investment upon which expanding productivity depends.

We can never attain our dual objective if we push one of these aims so far and so fast that it defeats the other.

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